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That same month, Wisconsin became the first state to get a wide-reaching gay rights law. Governor Lee Dreyfus, a Republican, as he signed the bill into law, expressed his belief in the "fundamental Republican principle" of restricting governmental involvement in the lives of citizens.

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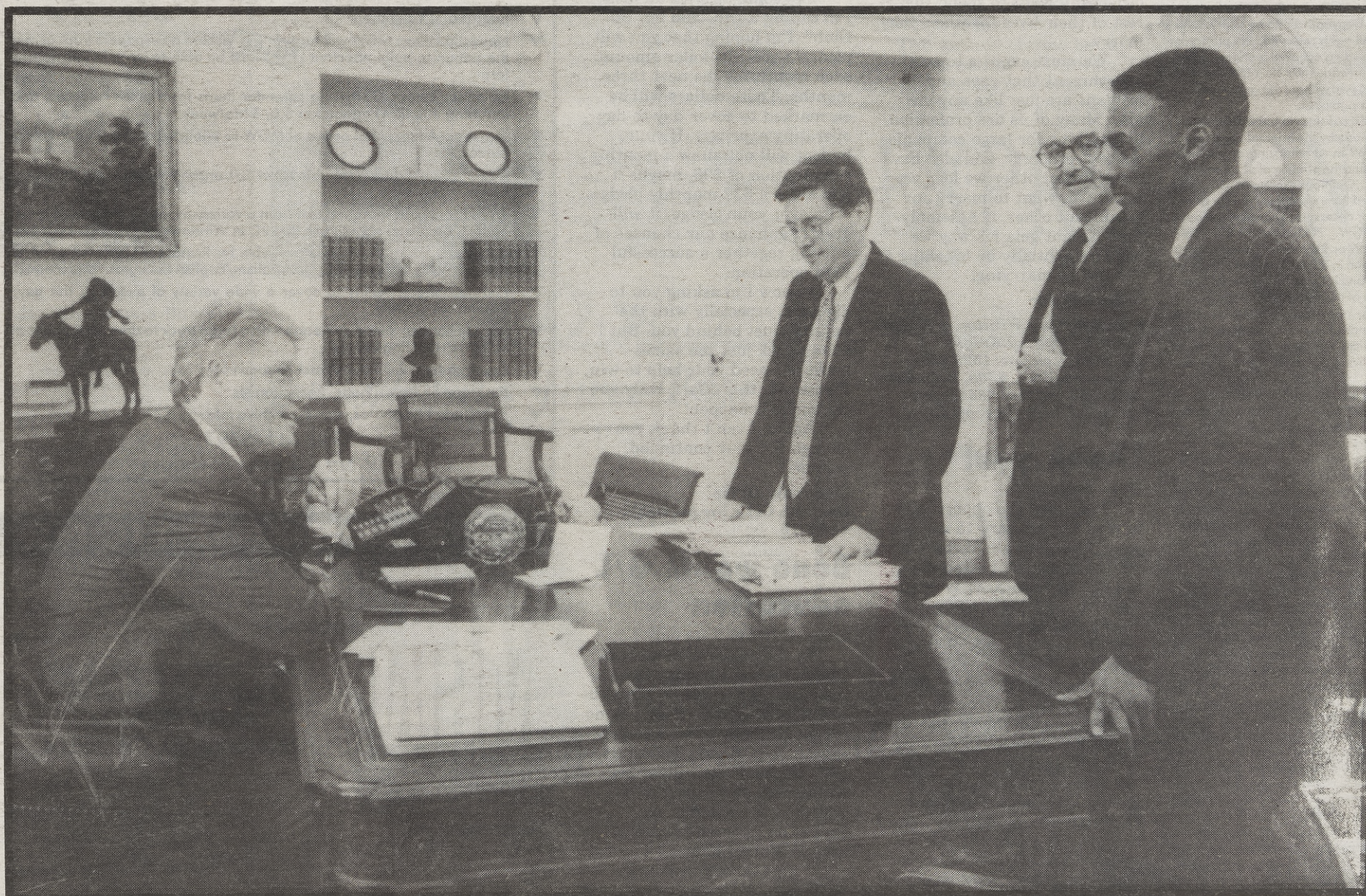
## Gays/Lesbians Celebrate Black History Month

### Channel 6-KVIE

Feb. 10, Midnight *In The Life: Black History Month*

Feb. 22, 10pm - Marlon Riggs Film: *Black Is ... Black Ain't*

See inside pages



Courtesy/Jonathan Atkin

The February 10 Channel 6 episode of *IN THE LIFE* honors Black History Month. The program includes an interview with Keith Boykin, Executive Director of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. Boykin is seen here in the Oval Office in a meeting with President Clinton.



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### Read this!

Dear Editor:

This is a pledge to get all gays and lesbians to whip out paper and pen, or get on line to the Internet. Assemblyman William "Pete" Knight, a Republican in Southern California is voicing his opinions that gay marriage shall be "illegal in the State of California," even if Hawaii passed law allowing same sex marriages. Currently, our state accepts and acknowledges marriages performed from other states. Doesn't this sicken you? It's one thing not to acknowledge same sex marriages, but make it illegal!!!

This man has served 32 years in the Air Force and earned a rank as high as a Colonel. Perhaps while serving time he developed an anti-gay attitude. On recent newscasts, his "I don't care" and homophobic attitude is shown.

I pledge to all gays, lesbians, and those for gay rights, call, write, fax or e-mail Assemblyman Knight, as well as other local government officials, and even the Governor.

There are many benefits to marriage, health care coverage, filing joint tax returns, and much more. Perhaps the biggest benefit, and what our government doesn't seem to realize is that when two people love each other, and want to spend the rest of their lives together, they marry.

We must express to our government that gays and lesbians are just like anyone else. Many of us are professionals working for large companies, we own property, and also have a significant other we love very much. We want to marry our significant other, if Assemblyman Knight gets his way we would essentially be breaking the law by marrying.

Mike Grasso

(Assemblyman William J. Knight  
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CA 93550, 805/947-9664 [secretary], 445-7498 [Sac. ofc.].)

### Thank you!

Dear Editor:

I just had the opportunity to read the January 15 issue of your paper and was delighted to see the story you hosted about the Sacramento Area Women's Resource and Yellow Pages. Thank you so much for the support and coverage of the directory.

I feel that it is important for women to encourage and support one another in business, as our businesses will grow as a result. This project was my first attempt at extending this feeling into Sacramento, and surrounding communities, and I became witness to the many talented and diverse business ventures that we as women are pursuing. I also became extremely aware of the need to provide mentoring and informa-

tion for women to realize the benefits of supporting one another in not only our business pursuits, but also our personal, family and community ties. Thus, I am pursuing the seminar series sponsored through the Yellow Pages. As you have been in the business community for many years, any suggestions you may have would be gladly appreciated. If you have interest in participating in any of the projects on any level I would be delighted and honored to have your experience.

Again, thank you for your support. If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best regards,  
Lisa Kohl  
Publisher, Sacramento Area  
Women's Yellow Pages

### Ortiz needs your help!

Dear Editor:

These next weeks will be a critical time for my campaign. Currently, we are assessing where the campaign is financially and what we will need in order to win this primary. What is clear to me is that we will have to mount a strong field campaign. There are substantial

### New terms for marriage...?

Dear Editor:

Gay marriage is very much in the news today. I think many of the less radical opponents to gay marriage would be able to live with a different term. What we would need would be a term which denotes a marriage-like relationship between any two consenting adults. The term "couple" comes to mind. e.g. "we are coupled", "will you couple with me?" etc.. I am sure there are other terms that would work as well or better. Ideas anyone?

Grant Pasley

costs incurred in organizing a field operation — securing office space, phones, office equipment and supplies. And we need to pay for these expenses without taking dollars away from getting the mail out to voters.

I've come up with an idea. I'm calling it the "\$96 for '96 Club". I'm hoping that you will pledge a specific dollar amount each month for the next three months. These dollars will be earmarked to cover day-to-day operating expenses. If your budget will not allow a monthly contribution of \$96, maybe it will allow a \$32 monthly pledge. Whatever your pledge, it will greatly enhance our chances of putting together a successful field operation.

I know I'm asking you to dig deep, especially with the holidays just behind you. But I have to ask just the same, because I need your help to win. Please join this effort. Only you can make it happen!

Again, I can't thank you enough for your continued support!

Deborah Ortiz  
Deborah Ortiz for Assembly  
447-8716

### Bono wants G/L education

Dear Editor:

In the January 23 issue of *The Advocate*, Chastity Bono interviewed her father, Republican Representative Sonny Bono. Although the interview clearly reveals Rep. Bono's ignorance of LGB issues, it also imparts a willingness on his part to be educated. He extends an invitation to the LGB community to contact him.

I urge all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to make your political and personal views and concerns known.

Address your letters to Representative S. Bono (44th District), House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

We are in dire need of Republican advocates.

Sincerely,  
Chris Kitinoja

## Lambda Freedom Fair planning meeting set

The 1996 Freedom Fair Committee has begun preliminary planning and are asking for all individuals interested in participating with pre-fair preparations and committees to attend the February 5th meeting at 7p.m., "New Lambda Center", 919 20th St.. Info: 646-1778, 442-0185.▼

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"If we just changed our title to 'Lesbian Ax Murderers From Hell', our ratings would shoot up."

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# MGW endorses Deborah Ortiz for Assembly

**M**GW Newspaper's Publisher/Editor Linda Birner announced that the newspaper has endorsed Deborah Ortiz for Assemblymember Phil Isenberg's seat in District 9. The primary election is on March 26. The district is represented primarily with the city of Sacramento.

Ortiz has been outstanding with gay/lesbian issues during her term as a City Councilmember.

Mayor Joe Serna also has announced his support for Ortiz. He is joined by City Councilmember Darrell Steinberg, who says, "I'm impressed with the way Deborah finds innovative solutions to help neighborhoods. She has focused on improving the living conditions of people residing in the city, especially those who are living in the tougher neighborhoods in Sacramento."

Joining former Mayor Anne Rudin and Councilmember Heather Fargo in support of Ortiz for Assembly, the following groups also endorsed Ortiz: National Women's Political Campaign Fund, California NOW, Latina PAC, CA Police Chiefs Association, Sacramento Police Officers Association, Latino Peace Officers Association, Minorities in Law Enforcement Political Action Committee.

tee (MILEPAC). Also endorsing Ortiz: Assemblymembers Cruz Bustamante, Denise Duchenev, Martha Escutia, Martin Gallegos, Sheila Kuehl, Antonio Villaraigosa, Tom Burns, Jose Fernandez, Dan Gentry, Judith Hansen, Kathy Hatch, Rosemary Metrailler, Robin Lee Purdy, and Kevin Schunke.

The campaign has focused on raising \$20,000 before Election Day by establishing the new "\$96 Club." A suggested contribution is \$96 for each month. However, any monthly contribution is appreciated.

If you can spare a few hours, you can play a tremendous role in Deborah's campaign. They need people to talk with neighbors who have been identified by the campaign as potential supporters. Others can help by distributing the "walk piece" that provides background information. The campaign is also looking for people who might host a coffee or small gathering to meet Deborah and/or recruit others to do so. And, ultimately, get out the vote on Primary Day — March 26. Info: Manny Hernandez, 448-5585.

The campaign needs office space, phones, printer, FAX, filing cabinets, chairs (folding chairs), tables, desks, coffee pot, mugs, etc. office supplies, bulletin boards, shelves, lamps, small sofa. Info: Pam Haynes, 447-8716.

Campaign staff: Campaign Director Richie Ross, Field Coordinator Manny Hernandez 448-5585, Fundraiser Linda Macias 736-0409, Treasurer Pam Haynes 447-8716, Phone Bank Maria Grijalva 448-5518, Newsletter Carol Blackman and Eric Wiesenthal.▼

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\*Candidates not good on Gay/Lesbian issues.

## Action alert: They are voting on our lives!

**A** marriage contracted outside this state between individuals of the same gender is not valid in this state. The California State Assembly Judiciary Committee voted on AB 1982 (Knight): a bill to block recognition of gay marriages in California.

The bill will go to the Assembly Floor for a vote by this week. Within two weeks the bill will be in the State Senate. If we are to have any chance of stopping this bill, we need to act NOW...

### Why AB 1982 is bad public policy for California

The following is testimony presented by Laurie McBride, Executive Director, LIFE: California's Lesbian/Gay & AIDS Lobby to the Assembly Judiciary Committee on January 24:

"AB 1982 does not maintain the status quo in California marriage law. Current law recognizes all legally valid marriages performed in the United States regardless of their conformity to California law.

AB 1982 takes us back to the bigotry of miscegenation laws. Until 1947 California did not recognize interracial marriages. At other times Asian American citizens were told

gay bashing. The author's office believes that gays and lesbians should not be citizens of this State, stating that if "we want to be married, we should go to Hawaii and stay there."

**Proponents cite misleading statistics about promiscuity and disease.** The vast majority of gay men are no more promiscuous than their heterosexual counterparts. But even if we were to accept their statements as true, for the sake of argument, they have left out the other component. Lesbians have fewer STD's of any type than any other demographic in America, including new born babies. Lesbians relationships have been found to last longer, and to be more completely faithful than any other demographic. Certainly longer than the average six years of heterosexual relationships. **Following**

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### Business owners invited to informal interview of MGW publisher

**M**om Guess What Editor/Publisher Linda Birner will be the special guest at the meeting of the Lesbian & Gay Business Alliance, Wednesday, February 21 at Carrow's Restaurant, 28 & K Sts., 7-9pm.

LGBA Vice President/Meeting Chair Mark Hoffmann, of Sports Leisure Travel, plans to turn the table on Birner with his interviewing techniques during a unique, informal forum that highlights the history of MGW. Birner will also give suggestions for how lesbian and gay friendly businesses can increase their visibility through advertising and other media. An open Q & A sessions will follow and those in attendance will have the opportunity to take advantage of a special reduced rate program for new and existing advertisers.

"Linda has been a part of the media longer than anyone in the gay and lesbian community," remarked Hoffmann. "She is well respected and known for speaking her mind. Her insights and experience are

certainly valuable to small business people looking to get the most for their advertising dollar. As the publisher of a respected publication, she knows the little things that one can do to generate publicity and media coverage for special events, business openings and other activities of interest. Our unique interview format should make for an informative evening."

LGBA is also beginning work on their annual Business Directory. More information will be available at the February meeting.

Guests and members are welcome to attend any Lesbian & Gay Business Alliance meeting. Info: Hoffman, 361-2051, Anita Lundin, 552-6313, Chris Henderson, 446-6686. ▼

### New local G/L bookstore to open

**S**acramento's new gay and lesbian bookstore, The Open Book, Ltd., 910 21st St., is scheduled to open in March. Owners Larry Bailey and Ron Grantz have been busy with building renovations, computer inventory systems, store fixtures purchases, stocking books and magazines, and putting the finishing touches on the coffee bar. The Open Book will be carrying 4000 gay and lesbian fiction and nonfiction titles, a large selection of magazines, greeting cards, calendars, travel guides, video and music, and gift items. The coffee bar will serve espresso, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and pastries.

It is Larry's and Ron's intent that The Open Book will become an informational center for the g/l community, a place where g/l's,

and their friends, can relax in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. Hours will be 10am to midnight, seven days a week. Persons interested in being on the mailing list for catalogs, newsletters, book signings, readings, promotional sales, and receiving an invitation to the Opening Celebration: The Open Book, Ltd., Box 160997, Sac. 95816-0997. Info: 498-1004. ▼

### Act Now!!

from pg 3

the logic of the proponents of AB 1982 then, all of you should strive to become lesbians.

Civil marriage is a way of giving a couple a legal address, allowing courts, hospitals, rental car agencies, and other such institutions to recognize the rough outlines of what two people mean to each other.

Love is how we justify marriage today. Not babies. Children are the individual couple's choice. Some proponents, including the author, have said that marriage is about making babies. If this were true, the bill would contain some sort of 'baby-test' for all couples.

I am married, in the eyes of my family and friends. But not in the eyes of my state. And now Knight wants to make it impossible for my government to recognize my marriage. He wants to block the legal recognition of a healthy, nurturing relationship of 11+ years. He wants to interfere with my ability to take responsibility for my partner. In the past he has defamed the idea of limited recognition of domestic partners. Now he would close the door in the face of thousands of couples who want nothing more than to have their commitments recognized by the State.

And he wants to put California taxpayers on the line, to defend the constitutionality of his law.

Mr. Knight, as well as those of you who would vote for this bill — what you do today is not a disagreement among friends. It is an act of violence. It is an attack.

Follow this path and you will be dividing the United States by love, allowing some religious groups to dictate marriage's civic

meaning. May I live to see the day when your intent, your fears, your prejudice will no longer be tolerated. Vote no on AB 1982."

### Write your legislators today!!

This is the biggest threat to our civil dignity and our equality that we have faced in California. We must respond as never before. It must be clear that we will mobilize to fight this or any other attack. Don't know your legislators?? Call the Registrar of Voters (in your phone book!).

Senator Lockyer, as the Democratic leader of the State Senate, NEEDS to know that this is your number one issue. Send him copies of the letters to your legislators. We must have Lockyer's support if we are to stop AB 1982 before it becomes law...

Send those copies to Senate Pro Tem Bill Lockyer, State Capitol, Sac. 95814.

Every assemblymember and senator needs letters — from the most liberal to the most conservative. Over the next two months they will be voting on our lives — don't let any of them cast that vote without hearing from you, their constituent!

### Some suggested points for your letters:

▼ We are families: some with children and some without. All families deserve legal recognition.

▼ We should be able to decide who we want to marry, not the State.

▼ California currently recognizes all marriages legally performed elsewhere. Changing the law hurts married couples

and their families, and would lead to confusion in the business world. If you're married in one state, you should be married in all of them.

▼ Marriage law should never be based on prejudice, as it was against people of color and interracial marriages until just a few decades ago. ▼

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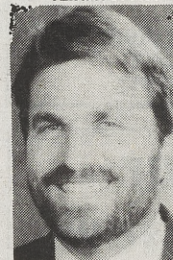
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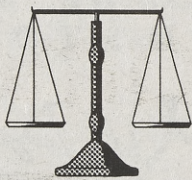
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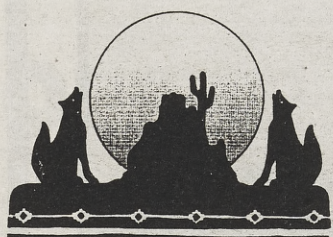
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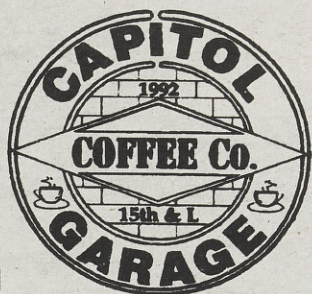


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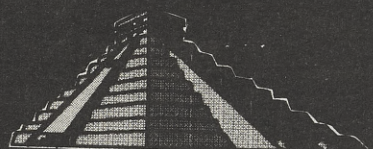


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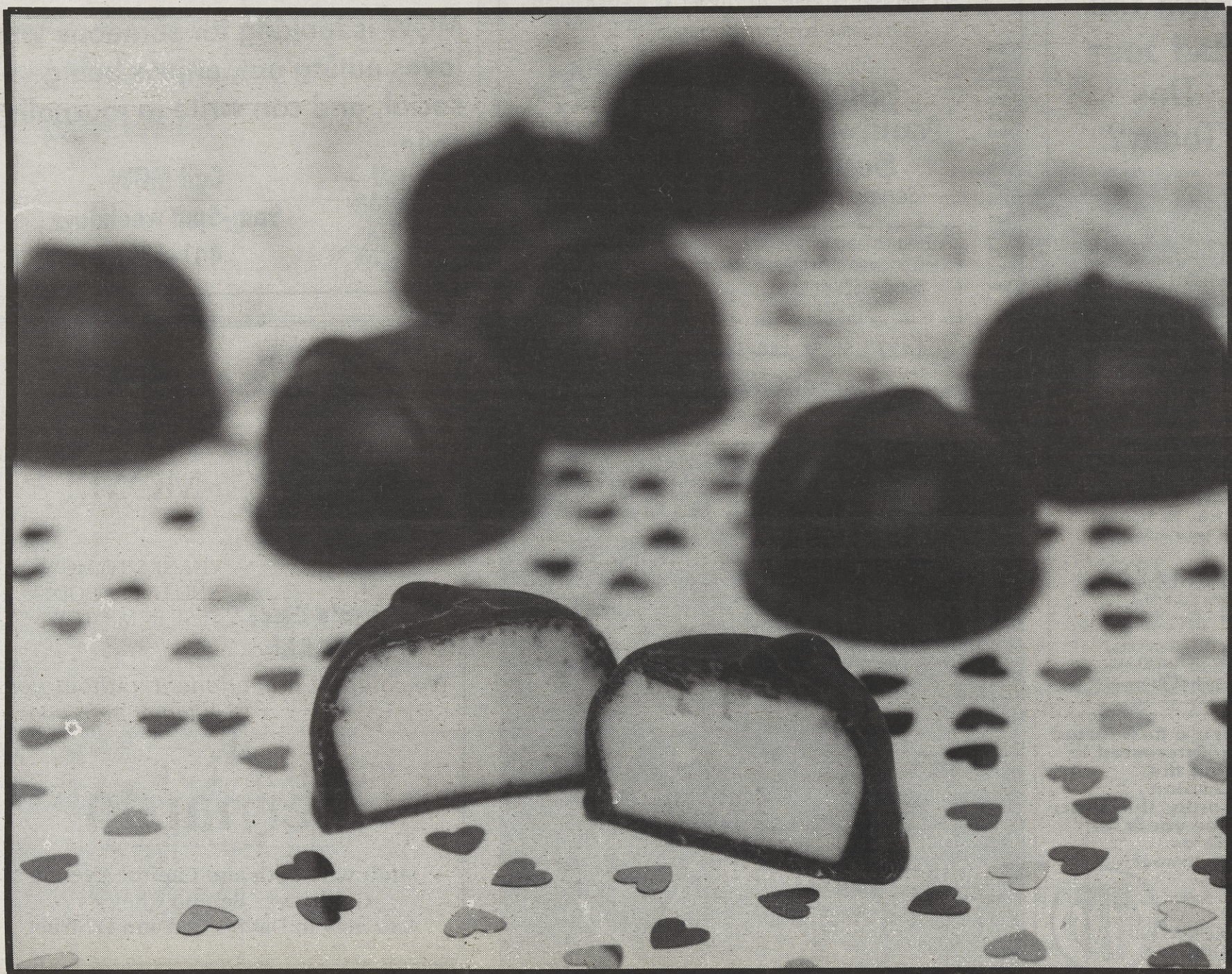


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# Do You Adam, Take Steve ....

by Kearsa McGill  
MGW/Staff

One of the most significant battles that the gay and lesbian community has fought the last few years is the legal recognition of same-gender relationships. A major breakthrough almost occurred a couple of years ago, when the California Legislature approved legislation recognizing "domestic partners." While not being equal to marriage, domestic partnership would have given unmarried couples who were of the same or opposite gender more rights and responsibilities than currently exist now. In fact, such domestic partner legislation would have once again designated California as a national example of progressive social legislation.

Unfortunately, Governor Wilson vetoed domestic partner legislation and the gay and lesbian community has never been able to come that close since. With the number of Democrats drastically reduced in the California Assembly in 1995, most advocates thought it best to not pursue the issue until a better political climate prevailed.

While California's gay and lesbian rights advocates turned their attention to other pressing issues, California's neighbor to the Pacific, Hawaii, has taken the lead and done one better than California. It is fast in becoming the first state in the nation to legally marry couples of the same gender.

This remarkable development began five years ago, when

one lesbian and two gay couples applied for marriage licenses in Hawaii. They were turned down because Hawaii does not permit same-gender couples to marry, even though there is no state law defining marriage as a relationship between people of the opposite gender. These courageous couples sued Hawaii, claiming that the refusal by the state to give them marriage licenses was a violation of the Hawaiian Constitution's equal protection clause. Once their case worked its way to the Hawaii Supreme Court, the court took a position that most people had never imagined. The court stated that, unless the state could show a compelling reason to deny marriage licenses to same gender couples, the state constitution would permit couples of the same gender to marry.

Then an even more remarkable event occurred. The Hawaii Legislature and the Governor formed a commission to determine if there was any compelling reason to allow only persons of the opposite sex to marry. After much deliberation, the

commission voted 5 to 2 that there was no compelling reason for such a restriction. Therefore, most legal commentators believe that within a couple of years, Hawaii will legally sanction marriages between gay and lesbian couples.

That prospect, and the accompanying idea of thousands of gays and lesbians jetting to Hawaii for marriage and returning to their home states demanding recognition of a legal union created in another state, has kept many a right-winger up at night across the nation, including those in California.

Assemblyman Pete Knight, after having a few sleepless nights himself, introduced AB XXXX, which would specifically prohibit same-gender marriages. While the chances of such legislation being enacted this year are not that great, it has presented gay and lesbian advocates with the unexpected chore of trying to prevent his bill from becoming law.

The stakes are high in this battle because if Hawaii does allow same-gender marriage and California law does not specifically prohibit such a marriage, then California must respect Hawaii's creation of such a relationship due to the United States Constitution's reciprocity clause. Their fear of such an outcome is the driving force for Assemblyman Pete Knight and his supporters.

However, even if California were to enact a law which prohibited the recognition of same-gender marriage, the battle would hardly be over. Should a gay or lesbian California couple return from Hawaii with a marriage license in hand, only to be told that the marriage certificate was no good in the Golden State, it would have the

makings of one the biggest constitutional court cases in history.

Luckily we are not at that point yet. But in the next few months as Hawaii and California both make decisions about how far to allow or disallow same-gender marriage, I'm not taking any chances. I just sent off for my subscription to *Modern Bride*.

Kearsa McGill is an attorney in private practice in Sacramento. ▼

## In the Life travels to Atlanta to celebrate Black History Month

In recognition of February as "Black History Month," *In the Life* reports from Atlanta on the growing gay presence in that city's annual march commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Also, an interview with Keith Boykin, the new Executive Director of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum;



Marlon T. Riggs, Director/Producer of "Black Is...Black Ain't"

a talk with members of "Think It's not What It Is," an African-American lesbian theater troupe; and a look at South Africa, a country poised to become the first nation to constitutionally guarantee the rights of its gay and lesbian citizens.

In other stories, *In the Life* looks at gay and lesbian religious organizations, and new programs which teach gay youth to articulate their views. Finally, with a special treat, *In the Life* welcomes to the program seasoned journalist Kay Shelby (aka drag artist Charles Busch), who conducts an up-close-and-personal interview with Dirk Shafer, a gay filmmaker who was *Playgirl* Magazine's 1992 "Man of the Year."

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# Black comprises many colors

by Stefan Grünwedel  
MGW/Staff

**B**lack History Month is meant for all of us to reflect on the contributions that African Americans have made to the culture of the United States. In many schools this month, children will be learning about the varied aspects of Black America: its specific cultural influences on the dominant White culture, its political challenges to the status quo, and its economic promises and strengths.

Unfortunately, most schools will probably not be getting the full story. They will not mention the contributions that one black man has made to the cinema-going public, and they will consequently miss out on his overriding message: that there can be (and must be) unity in diversity.

This man is Marlon Riggs, whose film *Tongues Untied* was

one of the first films to attract mainstream attention in its unflinching celebration of black gay sexuality. Of course, it also threw religious conservatives into a hissy fit about the misuse of federal funding of the arts, but even that was an important component of the film's message. Those who got it realized the importance of arts funding for such projects as his in

particular, and the role of the arts in general for any democracy. Those who didn't could only see the dollars "misspent" on this expression of questionable taste and purpose.

Unity in diversity. Riggs hints at this when he shows himself preparing gumbo, a symbol of America's melting-pot—clashing tastes that form a tasty whole.

Riggs' last film may have been his most open and honest. He knew he was dying during its production and yet he knew he had to complete it to get his message across. This film is *Black Is... Black Ain't*, an 87-minute exploration of black identity that relies not only on the words of others but also on his own poetic vision.

It's no secret that being black in America means many things to different people. Whether they have been (or are) called "Negroes," "coloreds," "blacks," or "African-Americans," blacks have constantly had to explore and claim their own identity.

What sets *Black Is... Black Ain't* apart from other compelling documentaries is that it includes the question of how homosexuality fits into the conventional identity of being black—especially for a man.

He shows this bluntly. Amid discussions of skin tones, class differences, macho mythology, and Afrocentrism Riggs is in his hospital bed. He has AIDS. You can talk all you want about both the philosophic and concrete,

real-world aspects of being a black person in America, but he won't let you forget that many of them suffer from the effects of AIDS.

Mixing dance, music, and superimposed words on evocative images, Riggs boldly challenges sexism, homophobia, patriarchy, cultural nationalism and anything else that he feels confines the lives of African Americans.

To help conjure up these feelings in us, Essex Hemphill recites his intensive verses that celebrate both his black and homosexual identities.

In another, particularly effective sequence, dancer Bill T. Jones's movements show him metamorphosing from a stern, virile man to one that is beautiful, loving, and slightly effeminate. The fact that one person can show both "extremes" so effortlessly is clear proof that these "opposite" characteristics are not diametric at all; indeed, they should probably be abandoned altogether.

It's bad enough for white culture to define blacks, but it's even worse for blacks to impose narrow definitions on themselves at the expense of acknowledging their inherent differences.

Examples of these self-imposed restrictions abound. Thanks to the excerpts of speeches and comedy routines by Louis Farrakhan and Eddie Murphy, respectively, it's clear that homophobia is alive and well in the African American community.

Riggs counters these narrow minds by showcasing more thoughtful individuals, such as Cornel West, Angela Davis, Michele Wallace, Bell Hooks, and Barbara Smith. These people bring a combination of analytical scholarship, honesty, and common sense to the intellectual forum.

Through the words of these individuals who have felt uncomfortable or silenced because of their complexion, class, gender, sexuality, or speech, Riggs makes it clear that the old molds do not fit everyone. It is time for a new way of thinking to embrace all Americans of African descent.

Afrocentrism is just one of the mentalities that's targeted. Riggs's film argues that it's unfair to impose a political expectation or agenda on all members of the black community—mainly because not all people share the same background.

Not too long ago it would have been an insult to describe someone as "black" or "African"; now these terms carry a different meaning and intent. So it is true that today's rhetoric may be tomorrow's *cause passé*.

Sadly, Marlon Riggs died at the age of 37 from AIDS before he was able to finish the film. However, thanks to the determination of his longtime collaborator, Nicole Atkinson, *Black Is... Black Ain't* was completed so Riggs' important message could be heard—and seen.

*Black Is... Black Ain't* plays on KVIE Channel 6 on Feb. 22 at 10pm.▼




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# The Return of Harvey Milk

by Jerry Semas  
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**M**TV recently held an open casting call for 'The Real World V'. The next chapter takes place in Miami and should air this Summer. While the last version was void of any out Gay or Lesbian characters cross your fingers that the next edition will not over-look our members of society. Though the concept of the show is to videotape a group of young people living together, the Miami setting will feature all the roommates starting a business together. But what kind of business? "Hey big boy, looking for a good Puck?"

The San Francisco Opera has announced it's 96/97 schedule including the West Coast premiere of 'Harvey Milk'. Bay area audiences will see a revised version about the slain S.F. Supervisor which premiered in Houston last year as a co-commission for the S.F. Opera. While the S.F. War Memorial/Opera House is closed for remodeling, 'Harvey Milk' will be staged in November at the Orpheum Theatre. Anyone else see the irony in the show opening only blocks from the sight of the Dan White Verdict riots not so many years ago? Perhaps a police car can be burned in remembrance.

Other Gay/Lesbian fare at the Sundance Film Festival not mentioned in a recent column included... 'Bound' starring Gina Gershon (Showgirls) as an ex-con who falls for Mob girlfriend Jennifer Tilly (Bullets Over Broadway) while planning a \$2 million heist, 'Everything's Relative' which was described as a Lesbian version of The Big Chill (let me guess — Fran Leibowitz has the Jeff Goldblum role?), and 'It's My Party' starring Eric Roberts as a Gay man with AIDS who decides to throw one final bash. The cast includes Gregory Harrison (as the ex-lover), Marlee Matlin, Olivia Newton John, George Segal, Margaret Cho, Christopher Atkins, Lee Grant, Roddy McDowall and Bronson Pinchot (What? No Jim J. Bullock?) 'It's My Party' is one of the few exhibits at Sundance which already has a distribution deal. The opening night treat at Sundance was Kenneth Brannagh's latest film 'A Midwinter's Tale' about an out-of-work actor trying to mount a production of Hamlet. Though Brannagh doesn't appear in the film, it does feature camp alumni Joan Collins (Dynasty) and Jennifer Saunders (Absolutely Fabulous).

If you weren't able to catch them at a theatre near you, now you can watch them in the privacy of your own home. The movies Priest and The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls In Love have been released on video.

Director Amy Heckerling (Clueless) is working on 'In and Out', a comedy about a Gay teacher who is outed just before he marries a straight woman. The script is based on the story of Tom Hanks' Gay drama teacher from Oakland and was written by playwright Paul Rudnick.

The sequel to 'The Brady Bunch' movie, coming out this summer was written by 'Roseanne' scribes Stan Zimmerman and Jim Berg.

British comedian and actor Tony Slattery (Whose Line Is It Anyway) spent the holidays in the U.K. doing a production of Peter Nichol's campy military comedy 'Privates on Parade'.

director Michael Dangelo.

Famous Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer will make a rare Central Valley appearance on Feb. 10 in a benefit performance for PFLAG Stanislaus County chapter. Westenhoefer is best known for her recent Cable ACE award nominated special on HBO as well as appearances on 'Comic Relief VII' and the 'Out There' specials on Comedy Central. Info: 209/527-0776. Tickets are going fast.

If you're looking for travel ideas for next month, consider heading for the annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras March 1-3. It's what the S.F. Freedom Day parade should and could be. The event kicks off a month of international Gay & Lesbian film, art and live theater in what has become the world's largest festival of its kind.

There's still time to see S.F.'s Theatre Rhinoceros' production of Out Calls Only, a comedy based on stories from San Francisco call boys. The show runs through February 10th, 415-861-5079. As you make plans for a romantic Valentine's Day, don't forget that February 12th begins national condom week. Instead of a box of chocolates why not a box of individually wrapped safety.

\*\*\* It's fortunate that Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie broke up before filing joint tax returns. Imagine the arguments they would have had over which one gets to check the box marked "White female, head of household".

The original Broadway cast of 'Love! Valour! Compassion!', including Nathan Lane, John Glover and Stephen Spinella, will also star in the film version of Terrence McNally's play.

Though many thought he'd left show business, one-time bright new star Dennis Christopher (Breaking Away) has been busy with B-pictures and direct to video projects for a number of years. Christopher's latest project teams him with rocker Roger Daltrey (Tommy) and Olivia Hussey (Romeo & Juliet) in 'Brit' from



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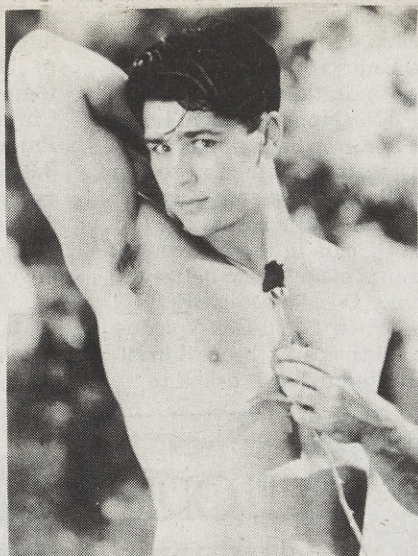
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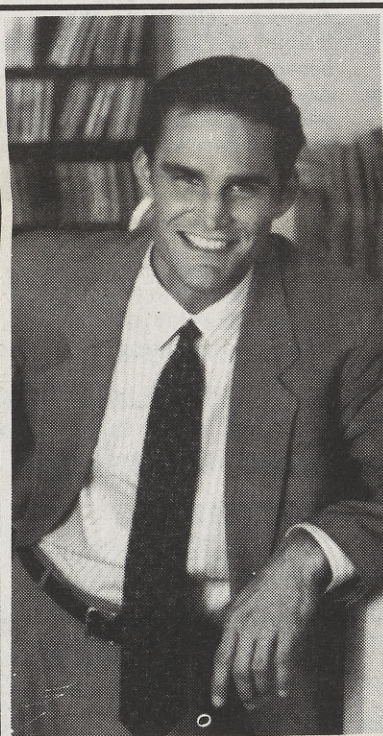
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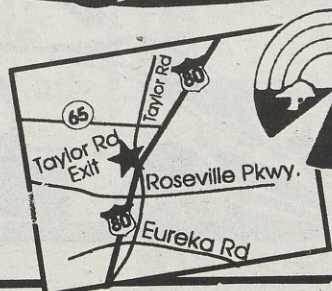
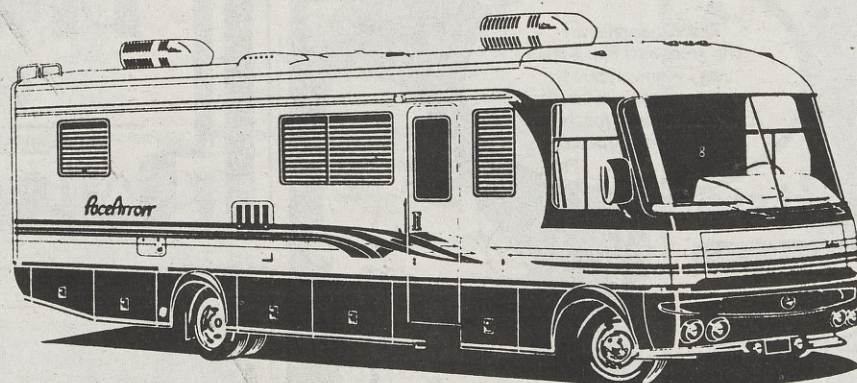
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## NEWS CLIPS

by D.K. Akai  
MGW/Staff

### NGLTF asks for Justice Dept. investigation of Oregon murders

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has formally asked the Justice Department to examine the killing of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, lesbian activists in Medford, Oregon as possible hate crimes.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, the NGLTF requested an investigation based on comments made by Robert Acrement, who is facing charges in the case. Acrement has made several statements to television, radio and newspaper reporters during jail interviews that prompted the NGLTF to request an official investigation.

In one interview, Acrement said he had asked the women if they were lesbians and said they had told him that they were.

"It kind of made me sick to my stomach that she was someone's grandma," Acrement was quoted as saying in an interview published in the Oregonian shortly after his arrest. He also said in that interview that it "made it easier" to kill them knowing that they were lesbians.

Ellis and Abdill, domestic as well as business partners, were found bound, gagged and blindfolded in the back of their pickup truck. Both women were shot twice in the head.

Acrement's father has insisted the murders were robbery-related, but Medford police have said that money, wallets, jewelry and other valuables belonging to the women had not been taken.

— Alabama Forum

### Gay credit card can't use 'Rainbow' name

In a blow to backers of the first gay-oriented credit card, a

federal court in New Jersey has prevented use of the name "Rainbow."

U.S. District Judge Mary Little Parell barred the Rainbow Card Foundation from using that trade name on the credit card it was promoting in the New York-New Jersey area in a suit filed by the Rainbow Foundation Inc., a Middletown, N.J. charity that offers medical assistance and other services to children in the state.

The Rainbow Card is a visa credit card that will use part of its card charges to benefit gay, AIDS and breast cancer agencies. The ruling can only be considered a major defeat to promoters of the Rainbow Card, as it prevents marketing the charge card to a major gay metropolitan area.

— Alabama Forum

### Openly Out on "Singled Out"

MTV has announced that lesbians and gays will be included in at least one episode of the network's dating game show "Singled Out." The "Akron Beacon Journal" reported that "Singled Out" will have "an all-gay audience for one show, giving one man and one woman the chance to land a same-sex date."

This progressive move by MTV marks a major media milestone. The "mainstream" commercial networks have never included lesbians or gays on any of the many relationship shows on television. While lesbian and gay characters are becoming more visible on many day-time and prime-time television shows, open affection between such characters has not been forthcoming.

In each episode of "Singled Out", contestants employ various techniques to "weed out" a date from a large group of contenders. For once, gays and lesbians will get their turn at "television dating" ninety's style.

— Alabama Forum

### Weld running for Senate

Republican Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts has

announced that he will run for the Senate against incumbent John Kerry in 1996. Weld is generally regarded as the most pro-Gay governor in the country. Under his leadership, Massachusetts became the only state to ban discrimination against Gay and Lesbian youth in public education.

— Seattle Gay News

### Utah D.A.: Can't stop gay clubs in schools

There is little Utah public schools can do to prevent students from forming gay, lesbian or bisexual clubs, according to a new opinion by the Utah attorney general's office.

The Utah State Office for Education had asked for a ruling on the matter after a group of students at East High School petitioned to start such a club.

State attorneys responded with a letter faxed to the education office. It stated that the only way to prevent gay, lesbian or bisexual clubs was to ban all other student clubs that did not directly relate to curriculum or to give up millions of dollars in federal funds.

Student clubs are protected by Congressional law. The Equal Access Act prevents schools from stopping students meeting merely for religious, political or philosophical reasons.

— Philadelphia Gay News

### GayCensus '96

Overlooked Opinions, the Chicago-based market research firm, recently announced the launch of GayCensus '96--the single largest assessment of the lesbian and gay population of the United States and Canada ever undertaken.

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respond to a series of questions by pressing buttons on their touch-tone phone. Callers without a touch tone phone will be sent a survey by mail. A TTY can also be reached by non-hearing people at 1-800-555-0900.

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Vitale said that it will take nearly a year to complete all phases of GayCensus. "When the results are tabulated, a great many questions will be answered once and for all. The data promises to be fascinating. It will help the lesbian and gay community better understand itself, and it will help political, educational and commercial sectors to develop relations with our community. It all begins with a phone call.

— Alabama Forum

### Diana Ross and RuPaul make music

For over nine hours Sunday, January 7, West Hollywood and 3,000 lesbians and gays participated in the filming of Diana Ross' and RuPaul's joint music video venture.

After meeting RuPaul in an airport, Ross decided she wanted to make "I Will Survive" with him. As to why she chose to remake Gloria Gaynor's 1970's hit, Ross said "This song is about diversity. It's brilliant. It's amazing--that's why it's gone through the generations. The song is for everyone."

"And for people who have a problem with gays and lesbians," Miss Diana Ross continued, "I say get over it and stop judging."

The music video set attempted to recreate the annual Christopher Street West Pride Parade and included a cast of 3,000 lesbians and gay men with everything from the renowned "dykes on bikes" to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, to a bevy of drag queens.

"The point of the video is to present a gay-positive image" according to CSW's executive director Michael Yates.

There is no airdate as of yet

for the music video, which will air on MTV, VH-1 and BET.

— Bay Area Reporter

### First lesbian credit union finds a home in Pennsylvania

Triangle Interests, a national non-profit organization concerned with lesbians' financial issues, is in the final stages of opening the nation's first credit union exclusively for lesbians and their immediate families.

Triangle Interests Federal Credit Union, 128 Levington Ave., Manayunk, Pa received a charter from the National Credit Union Administration and opened for business in January.

Michelle MacKinnon, an attorney and chair of the Triangle Interests Credit Union board said the credit union would be able to offer savings accounts with direct deposit, as well as certificates of deposit. By March, she hoped to be able to offer small loans, and eventually the union would be able to offer checking, issue cash and credit cards and provide a range of financial services.

"Our main goal is to show women how to deal with money, that it's not how much you have but how you deal with it," MacKinnon said.

— Philadelphia Gay News

### Lesbian cop not required to ID lovers

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, challenged about its demand that a police-woman reveal her lovers, will narrow the scope of its questioning in a disability dispute.

The American Civil Liberties Union had filed a brief arguing that the city's demand that Officer Virginia Acevedo reveal the names of her lovers and associates violated her right to privacy.

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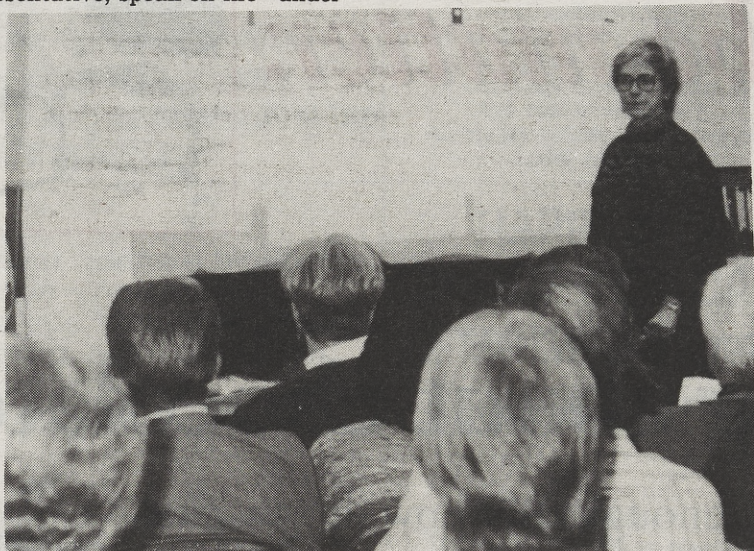
# RCDC rebuilding from scratch

by Jim Ralston  
Guest writer

Sacramento's River City Democratic Club, dormant for the last year, regrouped at a meeting January 10 to plan the future for gay and lesbian Democrats, and to hear Sheila James Kuehl, the first openly lesbian state representative, speak on life "under the dome."

Kuehl, who represents the 41st District in the Encino area, told the group of about 50 that she had been in committee hearings all day for a bill she authored protecting lesbian and gay students in school. The Republican Speaker of the House, Curt Pringle, had suddenly replaced one Democrat on the committee with a Republican for that single day, ensuring the bill's death in committee. "I love a good fight," Kuehl said of the emotionally-charged testimony, much of it by teenagers, "but I've still got a lump in my throat from these hearings."

The tactic highlighted a list of moves Kuehl said state Republicans have made since Pringle took over the speakership, including breaking into and damaging Democratic data files. "These are not your father's Republicans," she said of the Assembly majority party members. "I'm an optimist," she said. "An optimist is a person who knows how terrible the world can be, and so is never disappointed."



MGW/Linda Birner

**Judy Ludwig facilitated the reorganization meeting of RCDC. Everyone participated with planning goals and objective for the future of the organization**

Many people may remember Kuehl for her role as Zelda, the lovelorn coed on the 60's TV show, *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*. After leaving the show, Kuehl went on to earn a law degree from Harvard University, and has founded or worked on numerous committees and organizations aimed at protecting the rights of children, women and the gay/lesbian community.

Also at the meeting, directed by former co-chairs Judy Ludwick and Gary Miller, the results of a survey of former members conducted last summer revealed that many gay and lesbian Sacramentans still perceive a need for a strong, united political voice within the Democratic party.

The issues most often cited by survey respondents were the attempts by members of the religious right to legislate morality, the need to keep the Democratic Party active in the gay/lesbian community, and the need to be able to deliver volunteers and money for campaigns.

Seven areas of focus emerged. Along with a direct fight against the religious right using established legislative and social processes, respondents

said we need to influence elected officials about gay/lesbian issues, provided lesbians and gay men with political access, persuade the Sheriff's Department to recruit from within the gay/lesbian community, share resources with like-minded groups like LIFE Lobby and PFLAG, organize thought-provoking meetings, and lastly, to maintain the RCDC AIDS Memorial Grove along Highway 50 at Bradshaw Road.

Ludwick and Miller used the survey results as the basis for eliciting thoughts and pledges of action from those at the meeting. Under the broad headings of Needs, Issues and Problems, and What To Do Next, participants described varying levels of willingness to help resurrect the group, what they felt its needs are, and what its focus should be in the future.

Members repeatedly stressed the need for gay and lesbian people to run for office and to seek appointments to community boards and committees; RCDC was charged several times with being the logical choice in the community to recruit and train for such posts. Other members emphasized the

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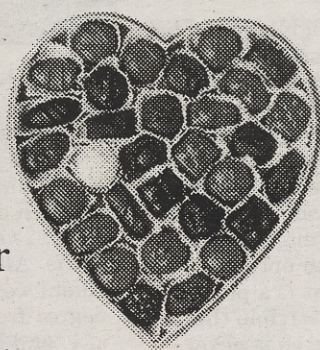
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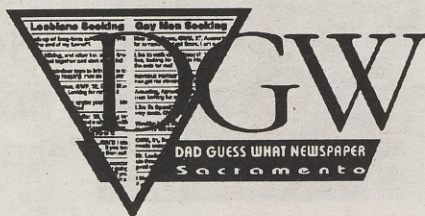
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# Lessons from Ballot Measure "Nein"

reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel  
MGW/Staff

**Ballot Measure 9. Produced and directed by Heather MacDonald. (1995, 72 minutes.)**

For many of us in the community, it is difficult indeed to imagine having to fight for our lives. That is usually the stuff of evening news bulletins about conflicts too complicated to understand that are happening too far away to care about. If Oregon's anti-gay ballot initiative in 1992 taught us anything, it's that political extremists can not only strike anywhere in this country, but they can easily find willing partners to rally behind them. What it takes to fight them is diligence, organization, and a message of truth.

Heather MacDonald's *Ballot Measure 9* is a good weapon as well. Beginning innocently enough with calm, beautiful views of the picturesque state of Oregon, it slowly reveals an ugly political movement that was forming. In the guise of "equal rights, not special rights," a campaign of willful misinformation, barely hidden hatred, and malignant compassion attempts to deny 10 percent of its citizenry the basic civil rights that the other 90 percent unthinkingly enjoys.

While the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA) championed the "simple battle between good and evil"—in the words of founder

Lou Mabon—and proliferated unsubstantiated "facts" about homosexuals, the various groups that battled them had only the value of truthful education behind them to convince Oregonians to vote—57 to 43 percent—to maintain the level of civil rights conferred on the gay and lesbian population.

In this documentary, the players speak for themselves. Kathleen Saadat speaks eloquently on the need for an inclusive human rights movement. Thanks to her charisma and sharp tongue, she mobilizes the black leadership to take a stand on the issue and influence its followers to understand the sinister nature of the mindset driving the OCA.

On the other side we see Scott Lively, OCA Communications Director, who states that



It's hard to imagine that these happy faces were fighting for their lives in Oregon, but Heather MacDonald's *Ballot Measure 9* shows that it's true—and it might just happen here.

"homosexuality, pedophilia, and sado-masochism walk hand-in-hand down the streets of San Francisco."

And, ironically, we see a straight youth who expresses concern about meeting a homosexual in a bar someday, yet who has unwittingly co-opted traditional elements of

gay male identification: a pinky ring and earring!

Even efforts at education prove mixed. Inside an Anne Frank exhibit, another youth exhibits this hollow rationalization: "It's totally different when you're beating up a gay person than when you're beating up a total citizen."

As tensions mounted, leaders on both sides began wearing bulletproof vests and sleeping with guns under their beds. Opponents of the measure had their wills tested as they endured death threats, harassment, and even firebombing.

And Mabon's wife, Bonnie, has the gall to say, "I have a heart to help the homosexuals; they just haven't been taught the difference between right and wrong." What a lesson!

*Ballot Measure 9* is a must-see for anyone concerned about civil rights. There is victory at the end, but also the knowledge of future battles ahead. See it with friends so you can have a cathartic discussion or group hug afterwards.

*Ballot Measure 9* plays for a limited time Feb. 1-2 and Feb. 7-8 at the Crest Theater. Call 44-CREST for showtimes. ▼

## Female relationships ...

## Are we really going to become our mothers?

Sacramento Theatre Company opened Cheryl L. West's *Jar the Floor* Friday, January 12. The play focuses on four generations of African American women as they gather to celebrate the matriarch's 90th birth. Patterns of life emerge as each woman, in her own way, struggles not to become her mother.

While MaDear, the matriarch, has obviously lived a life dictated by a white male society, her daughter Lola tried to alter her future by becoming a flamboyant, man-chasing survivor. Her daughter, MayDee, diverts that pattern by working hard to attain her Ph.D. and awaits the decision on her tenure at the University where she teaches African American studies ("teaching Black people to be Black," as her other puts it). Finally, the youngest, Vennie works to make her mark as a singer, not as the university-educated school teacher her mother wants her to be.

Interestingly enough, each woman finds herself waging similar wars: wars within themselves, wars with one another, and wars with the men in (or out) of their lives. Per-



haps a changing society and the evolving generations give Vennie the best chance to break the patterns. She shows up for the birthday party at her mother's house with her girlfriend, Raisa. As if bringing her lover home for the weekend doesn't send enough shock waves up the generational lines, Raisa is also white. Not only is she white, bisexual, and a

woman, but she has chosen not to wear a prosthetic breast after her mastectomy. Vennie admires Raisa's strength and her political reasons for deciding not to defer to society's demands on women.

Even though MaDear battles with senility, she provides some of the most emotional wisdom. Raisa bravely unbuttons her blouse to show MaDear the scar from her mastectomy. With compassion and understanding, MaDear tells her "You show me a woman dat ain't gotta scar somewhere an I'll show you a woman dat ain't lived nuttin but a lie. It's dem inside scars, dem de ones you gotta watch out for."

While women may sometimes pass too much of themselves on to their daughters, *Jar the Floor* shows us in a funny and touching way that maybe having some of our mothers in us is a good thing. And, just maybe, those generational lines can reach backwards on occasion, bringing new views and new insights from daughters to mothers.

*Jar the Floor* runs eight times each week at the Sacramento Theatre Company thru February 4. Info: 443-6722. ▼

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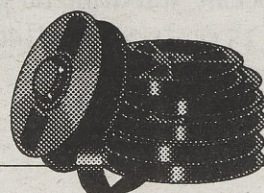
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The Heartbeats and Friends are all professional musicians who have been playing music in and around Napa, Santa Rosa and the Bay area for the last 15 years. The original Heartbeat Trio features lead vocalist and on percussion, Suzi Gilbert, Ellen Patterson, vocals and keyboard and Elaine Herrick on stand-up bass. The Heartbeat Friends are Katherine Stevens on drum and Donna Boatman adding vocals and rhythm guitar.

Tickets are \$12 for SACWN members, \$17 for nonmembers and at the door. This program is for women over 21 years of age only. Info: 451-8034.▼

## Benefit for the Learn and Live Foundation

The Learn and Live Foundation will be producing a show on Saturday, Feb. 17, 9pm, at Old Ironsides, 1901 10th St. for people 21 and over, \$5 at the door.

The Love Symphony, TBA, Alabama Blossom, and Jackson Griffith will be performing.

Steve Read, president and founder of the Learn and Live Foundation stated that the foundation is a nonprofit, grass roots organization dedicated to

the education and prevention of ally transmitted diseases.

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Affirmation and reformation

## The G&L Mormon movement

by Alfred A. Parro'tt  
MGW/Spirituality Editor

For so many years there has been a growing movement within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of pro G&L members that not only include those members who are themselves G&L but straight members as well. The growth in numbers is a direct result in the continued rise in the numbers of educated and enlightened members who are as well not captive to the puritan teachings of the second church leader Brigham Young.

These two groups have met with certain opposition to their views and outlook upon the private and intimate acts of members by the leadership of the church but have recently found that the intrusive nature of the leadership has some what abated. Even though the leadership under the direction of the late Ezra Taft Benson, former Republican Secretary of Agriculture, and his predecessor Spencer W. Kimball sought out and persecuted the intelligents and the G&L members of the church. Through various courses they would intimidate and extort these members into submission and compliance with the dictates of Brigham Young.

But not all was lost as the late Howard W. Hunter, a former Jazz musician who was most recently replaced by Gordon B. Hinkley as president of the church sought the

reconciliation and affirmation of the church as a whole to those who had been persecuted by the past leaders. Yet the current leadership is strongly divided over the aspect of accepting all into the fellowship and some would continue the hunt for those deemed unacceptable in the sight of God.

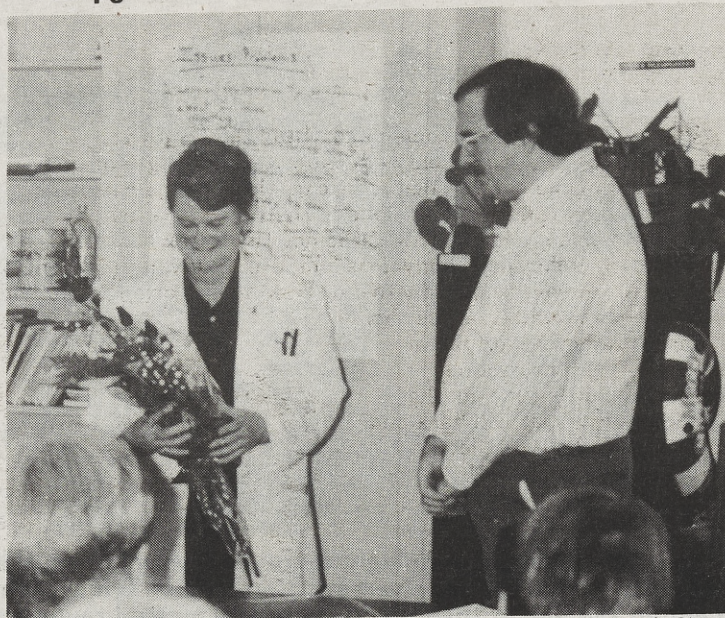
Throughout all of this the organization known as Affirmation has sought to educate and teach tolerance and acceptance of all Latter-day Saints no matter what their particular preference may be. Affirmation membership varies widely, according to who you speak to, and some even still feel compulsive about anonymity and secrecy regarding their personal contact with the group. Throughout the United States and elsewhere in the world Affirmation is growing steadily as they make themselves known and G&L Latter-day Saints find an environment they can feel safe and comfortable in.

The trend towards acceptance by the main body of the church grows daily as the scientific evidence of the natural occurrence of homosexuality grows and the prejudices and bigotry of ages past disappears. The church has through the years past changed its views and ways on several key issues including the segregation and isolation of people of color from holding full membership and acceptance within their priesthood roles.

Affirmation is striving to teach through example that the G&L Latter-day Saints are no different than any other person. They seek the same privilege of worship that has been promised them since the time of Joseph Smith Jr., the founder and first president of the church. Joseph was married in the temple at Nauvoo, IL to more than a score of men before he was martyred. The local Affirmation group is still in its infancy and is growing with the community. It invites all to attend and join in Family Home Evenings on Mondays. Info: 731-5922.▼

## RCDC reorganization

from pg. 16



MGW/Linda Birner

**Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl received flowers from Gary Miller after she encouraged people not to be discouraged with the Republicans' activities. She also encouraged everyone to become involved as it is the only way to fight back.**

importance of leaders coming forward to rebuild RCDC.

Several people at the meeting asserted that RCDC must find its niche in the community, narrow its focus and reclaim its place as a powerhouse in local politics. Still other participants recommended that the club should play to its strengths as a regional hub and as the eyes, ears and voice of gays and lesbians in the state capitol.

Before she left, Assemblymember Kuehl contended, "This is the best it's ever been in this state, this city and the world. And this is the worst it could ever be ... it's very important for our community not to lose heart, and it's easy to do. Part of that is because I'm going through menopause," she joked, but added, "At any point you feel you can't say what you want and need to, call someone

who can give you the encouragement to do so."

Urging the audience to become involved in at least two service organizations, she recounted the story of *The Wizard of Oz*, saying that like Dorothy's three friends, "We have the heart, the brains and the courage to do it, just as much as any elected official." Therefore, she said, we must hold them accountable and each of us "must serve on something somewhere."

Before the meeting ended, a committee headed by Kate Kannon volunteered to sift through the ideas suggested by the attendees and organize the next meeting. The second RCDC Re-Activation Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30pm at the Lambda Community Center, 919 20th St. Info: Judy Ludwick 488-5547, Gary Miller 921-1837.▼

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# To bark or not to bark

by Joan B. Guertin  
MGW/Staff

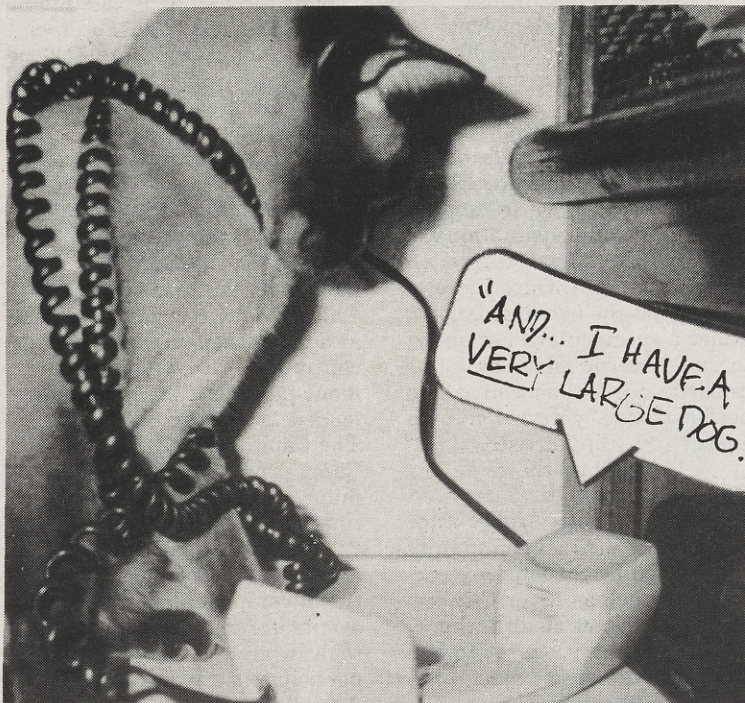
One of the biggest problems plaguing the dog owner that works or is away from home an extended length of time is that of the barking dog...the dog, that for one reason or another, is not content to be alone in the yard while the family works or attends school. This is the dog that often becomes the target of neighborhood complaints and, eventually, animal control citations. So, what's a family to do? How do we solve the problem?

Of course, we can argue the point that the reason that we have dogs is to protect our property and that means that we need a dog that will bark and alert its owner to problems. True, but barking, while a natural trait in dogs, often just gets out of hand and then it is not a help; it is a public nuisance.

The excessive barking habit begins in puppyhood. The new pup whines and cries when we bring it home and we give it lots of attention out of compassion. The pup learns that noise brings comfort. Later, we put the puppy outside and it barks at the sliding glass door or jumps against the wooden door until we relent and let it inside.....because "rover can't stand to be outside". We now reinforce the negative habit. Later, the dog is left out only when you are away and Rover, never having learned how to be alone, now barks his fool head off and the neighbors complain. We humans fostered the habit, and so it is now up to us to solve the problem. And that means that we must both train and do some serious behavior modification.

First of all, start the young pup off with a routine that allows some time alone, whether it is in its dog crate or out in the yard. Make sure that it has toys and something interesting and worthwhile to chew on. With the toys, you can vary them so the pup has something new and exciting every day. A wonderful chew bone from the butcher (boil off the fat so your pup doesn't end up with the runs.), or buy the hard rubber, bell shaped KONG toy or a sterilized

bone and stuff the center with a delectable snack such as liverwurst, p-nut butter, cheese or cheese whiz so that the pup stays occupied for hours with the job of trying to reach the goodies. You can also fix up



your puppy's play yard (he does have one, doesn't he), with strips of leather dangling from overhead branches so that he can play tug-a-war with a tree, or tires that are arranged on end and half buried so that he can run-through -the -tunnel. Or, teach him to slide down a child's slide. Also, remember that the dog that has a full tummy will be more content. Feed before you go to work, prior to putting the dog out and make sure that all the food is eaten, then pick up the bowl. If you feed outside, pick up the bowl before leaving. This helps keep you the pack leader as you control the give and take of the food. If the dog is of an extremely energetic breed, make time before leaving to give it a good walk, then feed. Now the dog has worked off some of that excess energy and has a full belly, so it can spend the majority of the morning napping. These suggestions apply to the new puppy or to the teenage or adult dog that needs behavior modification.

and make a production out of your leaving. This causes undue anxiety right from the beginning. And, of course, the time-honored trick of leaving a radio on in the house seems to provide some life to the house when you are gone and provides a measure of comfort to the dog.

On weekends, although you are home, keep the dog to the same routine.

You want your dog to understand that some outside, alone time is a normal part of its day. In addition, if the barking starts, you can correct it. Don't scream at the dog (this only results in a "barking contest" between you and the dog.) startle it with a sharp sound. I find that the Barker Breaker (available at Dog Show Specialties, 301 Richards Blvd, and other major pet shops) which emits a sharp squeal, interrupts the behavior effectively on most dogs. I then reward the quiet with a "Good quiet".

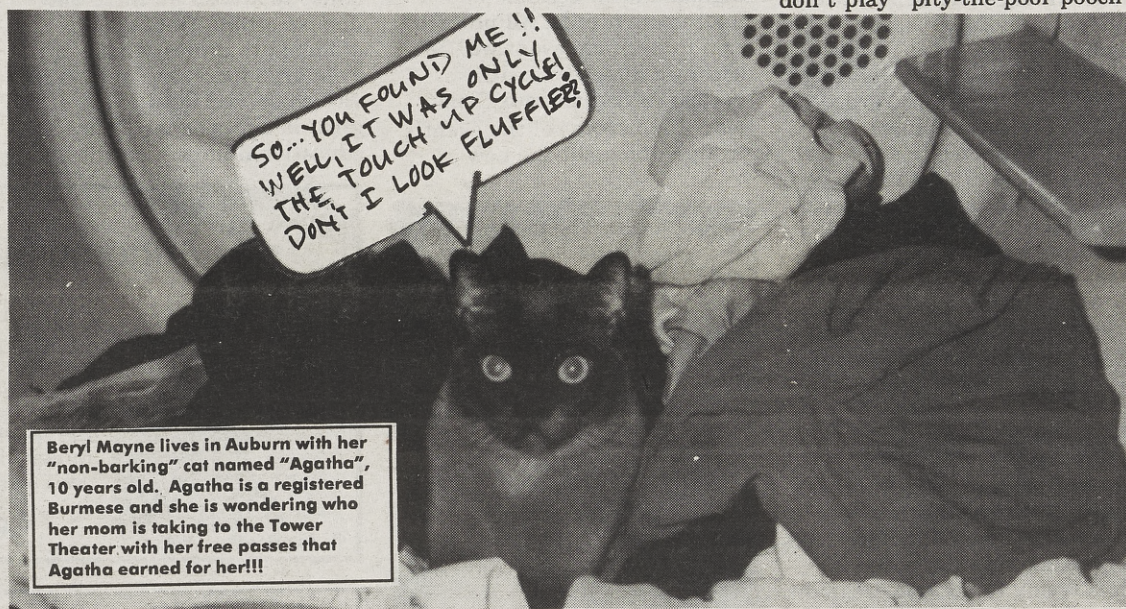
If you have a hard-core barker, the new bark collar by Immunovet may help control the problem while you initiate the other steps. The ABS or Anti-Barking System is more humane, in my opinion, than the electronic collars. This collar works on the emission of a spray of Citronella every time the dog barks or whines excessively.

The scent is unpleasant enough to interrupt the behavior and to date has worked effectively on those dogs that I have used it on. Info: 1-800-

627-9447. It runs in the \$100 price range, but it is worth it to correct the problem that allows you and your neighbors some peace of mind.

Because this is a complex problem, it is good to seek the help of a trained behavior consultant.

In my practice, this is one of the most prevalent problems that I deal with on a regular basis. Of course, there are other reasons that a dog barks and I will address them in the next column.▼



Beryl Mayne lives in Auburn with her "non-barking" cat named "Agatha", 10 years old. Agatha is a registered Burmese and she is wondering who her mom is taking to the Tower Theater with her free passes that Agatha earned for her!!!

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## On the HIV front...

by Sonya Cox  
MGW/AIDS Editor

### Another promising HIV fighter...

Swedish-American drug giant Pharmacia/Upjohn reports that early studies on Rescriptor (Delavirdine) show it may greatly reduce the rate at which people with HIV develop AIDS. The drug also appears to provide an accurate gauge of reactions and responses to experimental drugs. The company says it may request that the Food and Drug Administration rush the drug through the approval process. Delavirdine works on viral burden - the amount of virus circulating in the bloodstream. Preliminary studies over the past two years show the drug, used in combination with other anti-viral medications such as AZT, can reduce the amount of circulating virus by an average of about 68 percent for up to 60 weeks. All 3500 trial participants (in the U.S., Europe, and Australia) sustained at least some reduction in viral burden. The company hopes to make the drug available free to people with AIDS within the next several months.

### How to measure disease progression?...

The FDA says it will take a closer look at new concepts of how to track the course of HIV in a person's body. AIDS activists say that while new methods of measuring viral load show promise, the T-cell count method should remain standard. Some researchers, however,

including Pharmacia/Upjohn's trials with Delavirdine (see above), say measuring the level of HIV virus molecules in the bloodstream gives a clearer picture of the course of the disease versus counting CD4-positive lymphocytes, the immune system white blood cell that is the primary target of the HIV virus. Pharmacia/Upjohn says it's found that people who shed about 70 percent of the virus from the bloodstream by using anti-viral drug combinations reduce by 50 percent the risk that their condition will soon worsen. It's important therefore to quickly establish if the drug combination being taken is showing benefits, or whether a person needs to try something else. The researchers say that often, the T-cell count does not truly reflect how well a person is doing in staving off life-threatening illnesses.

### See a name you recognize?...

Sacramento panels in the possession of the NAMES Project Sacramento Chapter for January-April include those of Chris Armitage, Richard Bebb, David Brown, a CGNIE panel, Spencer Fields, Art Funamura, Gene Green, Tone Lopez, Bruce McDonough, Eddie Nunez, Michael Ossias, John Paddock, David Smith, Richard Stewart, John Tobey, and Jim Ward. Included in the shipment is a panel for Ryan White and a Levi Strauss panel. Panel numbers are 432, 1066, 1489, 1503, 2112, 2628, 2635, 2720, 2731, 3114, 3518, and 3671. If you see a name you recognize, please let the person's family or friends know, and NAMES Project can get you together with the panel for viewing. Call 484-5646.

### You go, girl...

Washington state's top educator, Judith Billings, announced in early January that she became infected with HIV while trying to become pregnant through artificial insemination with donor sperm sometime before 1986, before fertility clinics began routine tests for the AIDS virus. Billings, now finishing her second term as the state's school chief, praises AZT and says she will decide by March whether to challenge Congressman Randy Tate in upcoming elections.

### Upcoming trial...

A large one-year trial planned by Merck Pharmaceuticals will test a new protease inhibitor (Crixivan) plus AZT and 3TC versus AZT and 3TC in folks with fewer than 200 T-cells who have never used 3TC. Discuss with your physician if interested, and have him or her call Merck re "Trial ACTG 320" for more info.▼

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Sacramento dances to the beat of a different fundraiser ...

## The capitol city AIDS Dance-O-Rama

At 7pm on Saturday, May 4 Cal Expo will be transformed into Sacramento's largest dance club, welcoming dancers of all ages to the first annual Capital City AIDS Dance-O-Rama. This fundraising event is modeled after the very successful AIDS Dance-a-thon events hosted in cities like New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, whose annual AIDS Dance-a-thon attracts more than 10,000 people and raises in excess of \$1 million.

The concept of the event involves the recruitment of dance participants who collect pledges from family, friends and colleagues. Participants must raise at least \$50 in pledges to attend the event. Once there, they spend the evening dancing under a spectacular light show to sets of music mixed by celebrity deejays, as well as live performances by disco and high energy recording artists.

Organized by the same team which brought Barry Manilow and Bette Midler into Sacramento's AIDS community and backed by corporate sponsors such as River City Bank and Sutter Health, the Dance-O-Rama promises to be one of Sacramento's most original and successful fundraising events. All proceeds from this annual event will be dispersed directly to AIDS services in Sacramento. This year, 100 percent of the event's profit will benefit the new

Center for Excellence a state-of-the-art medical clinic and social service facility which will be the new home to the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) as well as other area AIDS service organizations.

The Sacramento region was recently recognized by the Centers for Disease Control as being "devastated" by AIDS. This dubious recognition comes at a time when AIDS case loads continue to rise while government funding is greatly challenged to meet critical needs. The Capitol City AIDS Dance-O-Rama promises to provide a much needed new source of community-based funds.

Besides raising money, the event boasts a strong educational component. Similar dance events are noted for their ability to draw an uncommon mix of participants. "We expect the dance to attract an incredibly diverse crowd, from young students to professionals and even grandparents," said event vice-chair Ted Ross. "One of the great benefits of the Dance is its educational impact on the young

people who are attracted to the event's format. Since this age group is the fastest growing segment of the AIDS population, it is critical that we include them, especially in educational and fundraising efforts."

Information about the Capital City AIDS Dance-O-Rama is available by phone to those who would like to participate as either a pledged dancer or an event volunteer. The event's 24-hour phone line may be reached at 863-3727. Volunteers are needed to assist in the preparation and operation of the event.▼

### Getting the conversation started...

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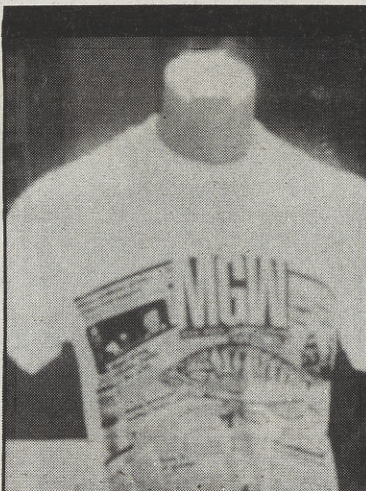
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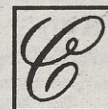
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Sac. Summer Ball (Aug. 5, 1995)	\$ 24,000	Host donates \$6000; Expenses: \$7000; Real Profit: \$1000	0	\$ 24,000	LCC Being Alive Program \$7500; Tracy Godfathers \$2500; CARES \$7000; Avalon House \$7000
Jeffrey, The Play (Aug. 12, 1995)	*	*	*	*	
Rainbow Festival '95 (Sept. 3, 1995)	\$ 25,896	\$ 14,185	\$2,000 (CGNIE)	\$ 11,710	LCC, Proj. Tocsin
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Sac. G/L Film Festival (Oct. 21, 1995)	*	*	*	*	
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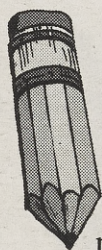
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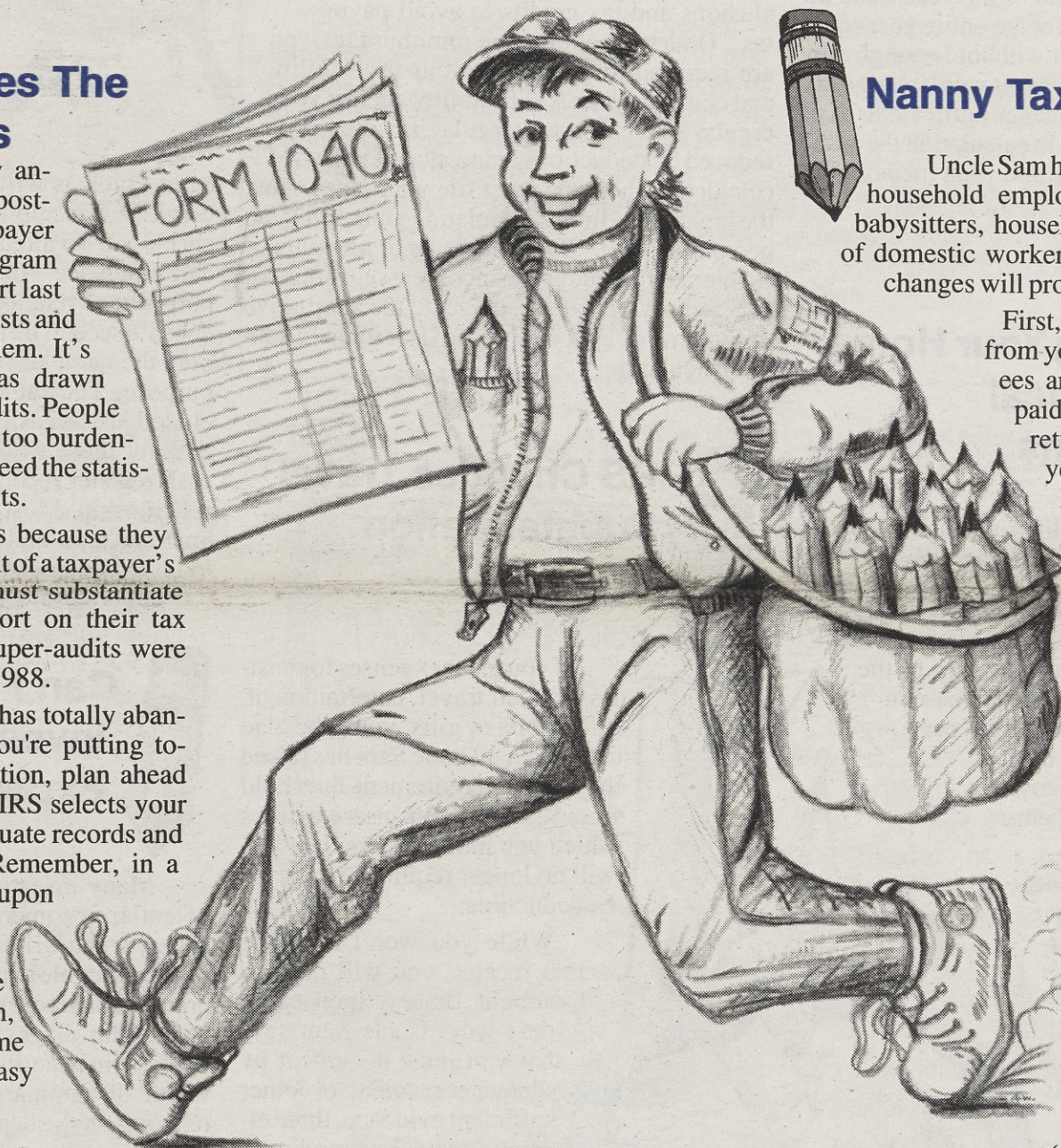


## IRS Postpones The Super-Audits

The IRS recently announced its decision to postpone their dreaded Taxpayer Compliance Measurement Program audits which were slated to start last October. The IRS cited high costs and budget restraints for the problem. It's no secret that Uncle Sam has drawn heavy fire for these intense audits. People complain these audits are just too burdensome. The IRS contends they need the statistics developed from these audits.

Often called super-audits because they are a thorough line-by-line audit of a taxpayer's complete return. Taxpayers must substantiate virtually everything they report on their tax returns. The last time these super-audits were conducted by the IRS was in 1988.

It's unlikely that the IRS has totally abandoned the super-audits. As you're putting together your 1995 tax information, plan ahead and be ready in the event the IRS selects your tax return for audit. Keep adequate records and document your deductions. Remember, in a super-audit you will be called upon to substantiate all the numbers on your tax return. Your tax preparer can help you organize and document your return. Then, if a super-audit should become part of your future it will be as easy and painless as possible.



## Nanny Tax Changes

Uncle Sam has changed the rules for household employees. If you employ babysitters, housekeepers or other types of domestic workers in your home, these changes will probably affect you.

First, the taxes you withhold from your household employees are now required to be paid when you file your tax return at the end of each year. In the past you've had to file Form 942 quarterly, and Form 940 annually to report FICA, FUTA and withheld income taxes. Under the new law these taxes may be reported on a new form, Schedule H, which will be filed with your individual income tax return. Payment for these taxes must be paid by the due date for your individual income tax return, not including any extensions. In other words, even if you extend your personal

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## Paying Medical Expenses For Your Parents

If you are providing more than half of your parents' support, you may be able to deduct the amounts you spend for medical expenses on their behalf. This deduction is available even when you can't claim your parent as a dependent.



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tax return, you must calculate and pay any taxes owing by the original due date of your tax return.

Secondly, as an employer you are no longer liable for FICA taxes for any household employee to whom you pay less than \$1,000 during the year. In addition, if your employee is under 18 years of age, you are exempt from FICA tax unless the service being provided is the principal occupation of your employee.

You can avoid a large balance due with your income tax return if you plan ahead. By increasing your estimated quarterly income tax payments or requesting your employer to withhold more income tax from your wages, you can avoid the shock at the end of the year when all your employment taxes for the entire year come due. For those who don't withhold enough during the year, Uncle Sam says it won't charge tax penalties for underpayments until 1998. Ask your tax advisor for help in calculating the additional taxes you will owe and what method you should use to pay them.

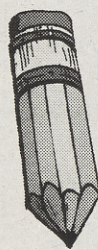


## Don't Forget About The Alternative Minimum Tax

Watch out for the alternative minimum tax. Many taxpayers are surprised to learn that a large capital gain or itemized deduction resulted in creating alternative minimum tax. This is the secondary tax system created by Uncle Sam to prevent tax payers from using accelerated deductions, income exclusions and tax credits to avoid paying tax. Under the alternative minimum tax you are required to recompute your tax liability and compare your AMT liability against your regular tax. If your regular tax has been reduced by deductions below that of your AMT calculation then you must file your taxes using the higher AMT tax. Calculating your AMT can be complicated. If you have large amounts of accelerated deductions, income exclusions, or tax credits you may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Ask your tax advisor for help with this calculation.



be as quick as writing a check or signing your credit card receipt. For example, if you pay by check you've already documented the amount, date and place. All you need is to document the purpose and relationship in the memo field. This doesn't need to be a long descriptive paragraph, only the name of whom you were with and the purpose. The same documentation can be included just as easily on your credit card receipt. And for those who like paying in cash, use the cash register receipt to record the purpose and relationship. Most receipts already include the amount, date and place. As under prior law, lodging expenses require receipts regardless of the amount of the expenditure.

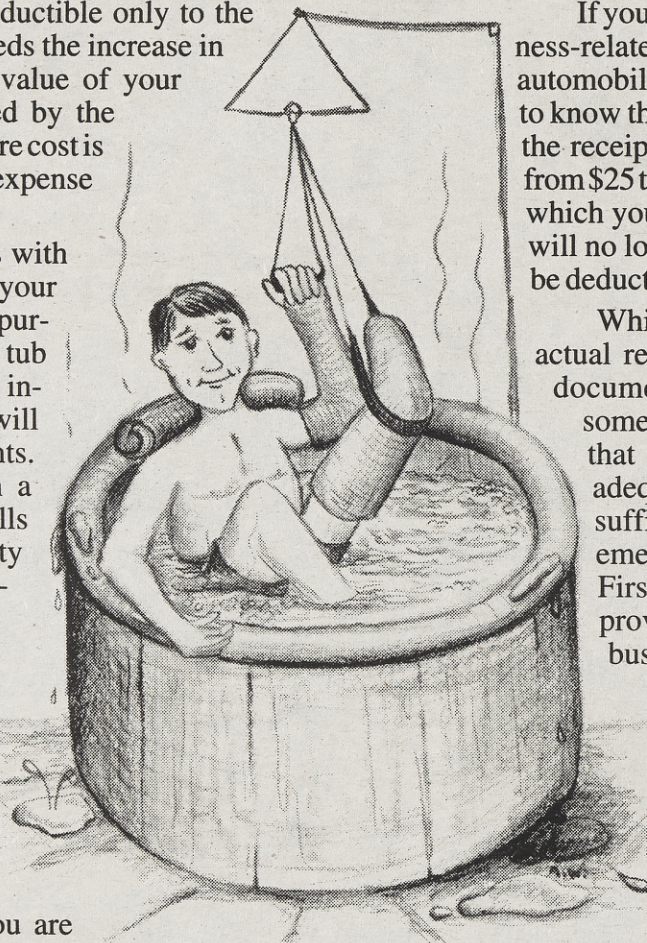


## Improving Your Home With Medical Deductions

When you make improvements to your home for medical reasons Uncle Sam says you may write off all or a portion of the cost. The amount you deduct depends on how much your improvements increase the value of your home. Improvements are deductible only to the extent their cost exceeds the increase in home value. If the value of your home is not increased by the improvement, the entire cost is considered a medical expense and is deductible.

Let's clarify this with an example. Suppose your doctor tells you to purchase a whirlpool hot tub at a cost of \$3,000 installed. The hot tub will help your arthritic joints. After the installation a real estate appraiser tells you that your property has increased in market value by \$1,000. You may deduct \$2,000 as a medical deduction. That is, \$3,000 cost of the hot tub less the \$1,000 increase in value of your home.

Of course, if you are audited, the IRS will almost always request a copy of your doctor's recommendation to acquire the improvement. Make sure you get a letter from your doctor before spending any money.



## IRS Changes Travel Substantiation Rules

If you incur expenses for business-related travel, entertainment, automobile or gifts, you'll be glad to know that Uncle Sam has raised the receipt requirement threshold from \$25 to \$75. Business expenses which you incur for less than \$75 will no longer require a receipt to be deductible.

While you won't need the actual receipt, you will need to document these expenses in some way. Uncle Sam says that you must document by adequate records, or other sufficient evidence, three elements of each expenditure. First, you must record or prove the amount of your business expenditure. Second, you must record the time and place you incurred the cost. And finally, you must report the business relationship you have with the person the expenditure benefited. Only if you prove each element will the

IRS allow you to take a deduction for the expenditure.

At first this may seem like a lot of documentation, however, once you get in the habit it will



## Can I Deduct My Investment Seminar Expenses?

Many investment seminar brochures lure potential customers with the enticement that the taxpayer can write off the cost of the seminar as a tax deductible expense. These brochures can be pretty attractive, especially when the seminar is held in Hawaii or some other resort area. Picture yourself in beautiful Hawaii attending two days worth of seminars and the rest of the week relaxing on the beach.

The fact is, for most people the costs associated with seminar expenses are not deductible. To be a deductible expense you must be in the business of giving investment advice, say a stock broker or financial planner. You must be able to show that there is a sufficient relationship between your business and the seminar. In other words, your business must benefit by your attendance.

If you had wanted to write off the costs of your seminar as an ordinary and necessary cost of maintaining your investments, you're probably out of luck. While most costs incurred in maintaining your investments are deductible, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, specifically disallows the costs of investment seminars which relate to financial or tax planning for investors.





## New Dependents Need Social Security Numbers

Under new tax laws, dependents born before November 1, 1995 will now need a social security number to be claimed as a dependent on your tax return. Prior law required social security numbers only for dependents one year or older. A failure to comply will usually result in a \$50 penalty for each missing social security number.



## Signing Your Child's Tax Return

What do you do if your child isn't old enough to sign their name to the return? When this occurs the parent should sign the return using the child's name on the signature line and behind or below the child's name include the words, "By (parent's signature), guardian."



## How Long Should I Keep My Tax Records?

Uncle Sam requires you to maintain records that support the amounts you claim on your tax return. Generally, you should keep your records for as long as they are relevant to any claim of income or deduction reported on your tax return. Records are relevant for the time period during which you may still amend or the IRS can audit your tax return. These time periods fall under the statute of limitation rules, which can be very complex.

Generally speaking, the IRS has up to three years to audit your tax return. If you underreport your income by 25 percent or more, the IRS has an additional three years, or up to six years, to audit the return. Because the IRS can potentially audit your tax return for up to six years, you should follow a general policy of keeping all tax records for at least this period of time.

Here are my recommendations for retention periods for various records.

### Permanent

- Tax returns
- Financial statements
- Corporate stock
- Corporate Records & minutes
- Real estate records

### Ownership plus 7 Years

- Asset & depreciation records
- Home improvement records
- Investment records

### 7 Years

- General ledger
- Journals
- Bank statements & canceled checks
- Mileage, travel, entertainment records
- Inventory records

Remember that these are general guidelines. If you have questions about any records or recordkeeping requirements, contact our office.

## 1995 Tax Brackets Get Adjusted For Inflation

Each year Uncle Sam adjusts the income brackets to consider the effects of inflation. This adjustment is beneficial and should prevent tax increases due to "tax bracket creep," that is, moving to a higher tax bracket because of inflation rather than because of increased spendable income. Below are the new rates for 1995.

### Married Filing Jointly

Taxable Income	Tax Rate
\$0 - 38,999	15%
\$39,000 - 94,249	28%
\$94,250 - 143,599	31%
\$143,600 - 256,499	36%
\$256,500 and above	39.6%

### Head Of Household

Taxable Income	Tax Rate
\$0 - 31,249	15%
\$31,250 - 80,749	28%
\$80,750 - 130,799	31%
\$130,800 - 256,499	36%
\$256,500 and above	39.6%

### Single

Taxable Income	Tax Rate
\$0 - 23,349	15%
\$23,350 - 56,549	28%
\$56,550 - 117,949	31%
\$117,950 - 256,499	36%
\$256,500 and above	39.6%

### Married Filing Separately

Taxable Income	Tax Rate
\$0 - 19,499	15%
\$19,500 - 47,124	28%
\$47,125 - 71,799	31%
\$71,800 - 128,249	36%
\$128,250 and above	39.6%

### Exemptions and Dependents

For 1995 you will be able to deduct \$2,500, up from \$2,450 for each personal or dependency exemption on your tax return.

The law gradually phases out the tax benefits of your exemptions as income exceeds

certain levels. The following table shows the lower and upper limits of the phase-out for each filing status.

Filing Status	Adjusted Gross Income
Single	\$114,700 - 237,200
Married filing joint	\$172,050 - 294,550
Head of Household	\$143,350 - 265,850

### Standard Deductions

The deductions that Uncle Sam gives everyone who elects not to itemize actual deductions have been adjusted for inflation.

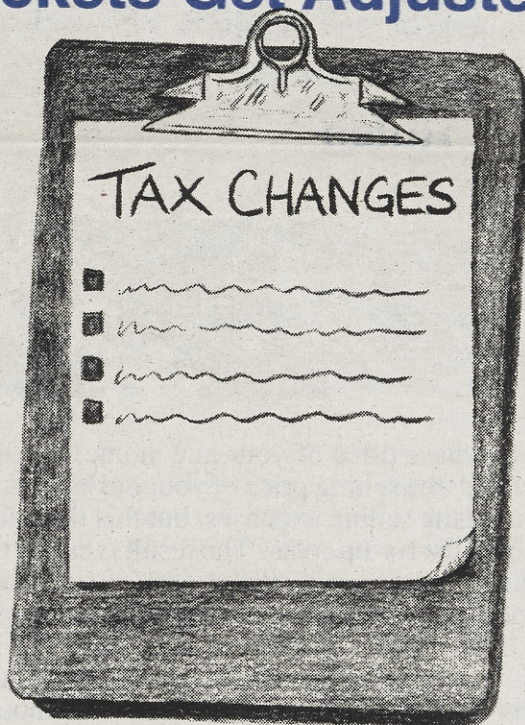
Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Single	\$3,900
Head of Household	\$5,750
Married filing joint	\$6,550
Married filing separate	\$3,275

### Itemized Deductions

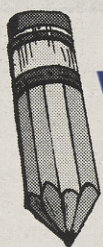
Certain itemized deductions are phased out for high income taxpayers. In 1995 itemized deductions will be reduced by 3 percent of adjusted gross income over \$114,700, up from \$111,801 last year.

### Auto Mileage Rate Increases

Effective January 1, 1995, Uncle Sam has increased the standard mileage allowance from 29 cents to 30 cents per mile. The mileage allowance for charity work stays at 12 cents per mile. Medical mileage remains at 9 cents.







## Will I Pay Tax When I Sell My Home?

Uncle Sam has taken away many tax breaks in the past couple of years. Fortunately though, most of those associated with real estate have stayed pretty much intact. Two of the most beneficial tax advantages available to homeowners is the tax-free rollover of gain when you sell your current home, and the ability to exclude up to \$125,000 of gain when you sell your home at age 55.

### Tax-free Rollover Of Gain When You Sell

When you sell your principal residence and make a profit, you may have to pay taxes on the gain unless you meet a couple of conditions. First, you must purchase and move into another principal residence within 24 months of the date you sold your old residence. Secondly, the cost of your new residence must equal or exceed the adjusted selling price of your old home.

To calculate the adjusted selling price of your old home, take the selling price and subtract any selling expenses and fix-up costs you incur in selling your property such as advertising, escrow cost, commissions, title insurance, etc. Fix-up costs are costs you incur in readying your property for sale, such as painting, spreading barkdust, etc. Normally these fix-up costs wouldn't benefit you from a tax standpoint. That is, normal repair and maintenance of your personal residence is not deductible nor can you add the cost to the basis of your home. Basis is the purchase price of your home plus the cost of improvements. If you incur fix-up or repair costs within 90 days preceding the sale, and if you pay those costs within 30 days after you sell, you can use these fix-up costs to reduce the selling price.

If you sell your personal residence and are able to meet both of the conditions, you can defer any taxes on the gain from sale. But what happens if you choose not to buy another residence, or if your new home costs less than the adjusted sales price of your old home? In these situations some of the gain is going to be taxable. If you're age 55 or older you may be able to use a special one-time exclusion of up to \$125,000 (more about this later). If you don't qualify for the exclusion, a portion of the gain will become taxable.

Let's take an example to see how to calculate the gain. Start with the problem of not replacing your personal residence. Say you sold your old home and because of your job situation you don't purchase another residence within the 24 month time period. To calculate your gain, start with the selling price of your home. Subtract your selling expenses (costs of selling, such as commissions, etc.), and subtract the basis of your home. The difference is your taxable income. To calculate your basis take the original purchase price of your home and add the costs of buying the property (such as closing costs) plus the costs of any improvements you've made. You can't deduct fix-up costs (cost to fix-up the residence prior to selling) like you can when rolling the gain over to a new personal residence.

Now let's calculate the gain when the adjusted sales price of your old home is more than

Gain prior to purchase of new home	\$ 67,500
Amount realized (from above)	117,500
Fix-up costs	-500
Adjusted sales price	117,000
Cost of new home	-95,000
Gain after purchase of new home	\$ 22,000

Your taxable gain after the purchase of your new home is only \$22,000. Had you not purchased another residence, you would have taxable gain of \$67,500.

### Excluding \$125,000 Of Gain

Uncle Sam gives certain senior taxpayers a big tax break. If you sell your personal residence you may be able to exclude up to \$125,000 of gain from income tax. In order to qualify for this windfall, you must meet four conditions.

First, there is an age requirement. You must be at least 55 years old prior to the date you sell your home. Second, you must have owned and lived in your home for at least 3 of the 5 years preceding the date of sale. Third, neither you nor your spouse can have previously made this election to exclude the gain on your tax return. This can be done by completing and taking the election on Form 2119, "Sale Of Your Home".

What happens if you meet all the requirements but your spouse doesn't? Say you're 55, but your spouse is only 46. Can you still take

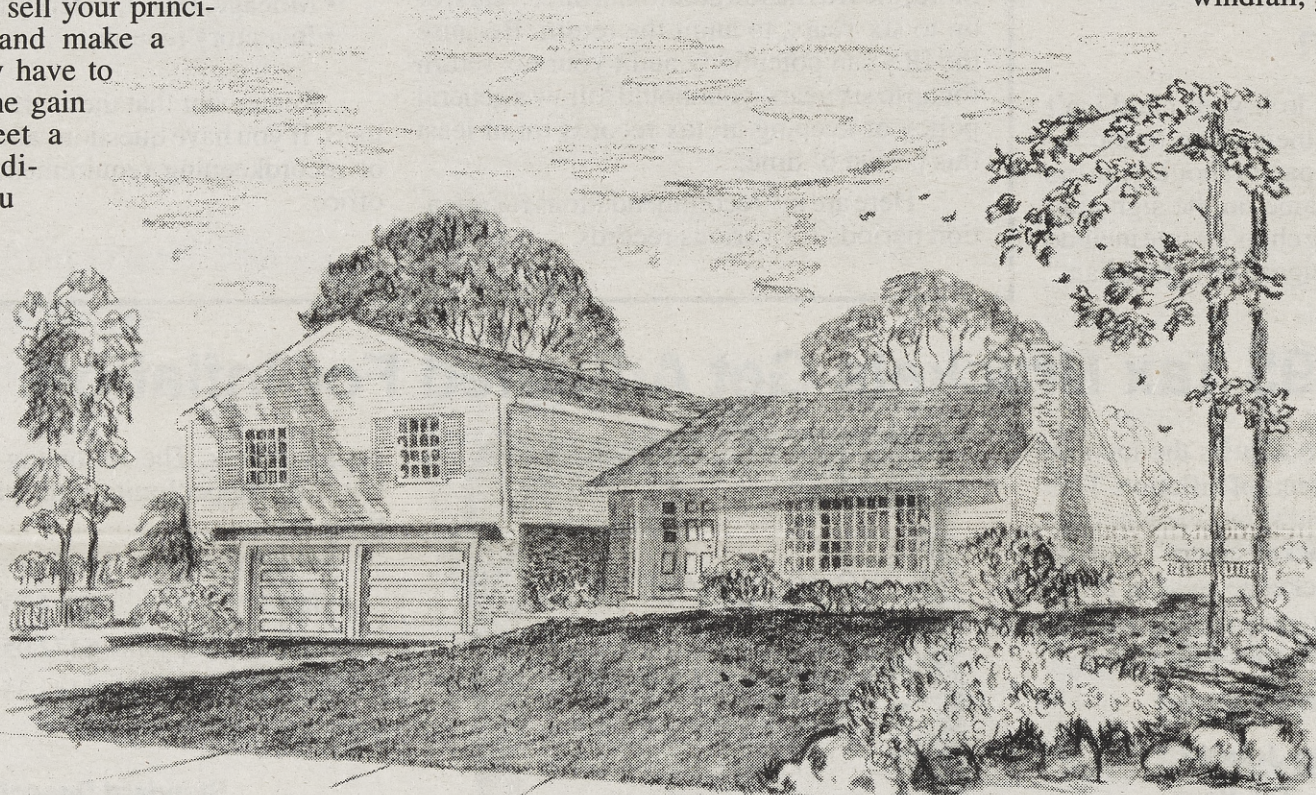
the election? Uncle Sam says yes, as long as one of you meets all the requirements and you own your home jointly with your spouse.

Care should be exercised when taking the election. It's available only one time. Once taken, neither you nor your spouse can take advantage of the election again. Even if you remarry at a later time, neither you nor your new spouse may claim the exclusion if either of you took it previously.

Often the \$125,000 gain exclusion can be combined with other tax saving provisions to achieve even greater savings. For example, say you're retiring, the kids are grown, and you're ready for a smaller home.

You may be able to combine the \$125,000 gain exclusion with the rollover of gain on sale of personal residence provision. This would allow you to pull out gain of \$125,000 and roll any additional gain into the sale of your new residence with no tax consequence. In effect, this splits the taxable gain on the sale of your home between the tax-free exclusion provision and rollover of gain provision.

The important point is to plan your use of this tax break carefully. Your tax advisor can help you to maximize this one-time exclusion.

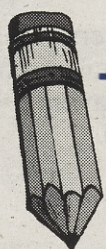


the purchase price of your new home. Again, start with the selling price of your old home and subtract the selling expenses, but this time also subtract the fix-up costs. The result is called the adjusted sales price. If the cost of your new home is less than the adjusted sales price of your old home, then a portion of your gain will be taxable. To determine the taxable portion, take either the gain from your old home or the amount that your adjusted sales price of the old home exceeds the cost of your new home whichever is less. This will give you the amount you must show as taxable on your tax return.

Let's do a quick example. Suppose you sold, for \$125,000, your old home which you had purchased for \$50,000 in 1979. Further, let's assume that you paid \$500 for qualified fix-up expenses and a real estate commission of \$7,500. You purchased your new home for \$95,000. What are your tax consequences?

Selling price of home	\$125,000
Expense of sale	-7,500
Amount realized	\$117,500
Basis of old home	-50,000





## Tax Benefits For Your Vacation Home

Don't overlook the tax benefits of your vacation, retirement, or other second home. Uncle Sam has recognized three different tax treatments depending on how the home is used. The tax treatments are based on the owner's personal versus rental use: personal use with very limited rental, rental with very limited personal use, or mixed personal and rental use. You should carefully consider the tax rules in accordance with how you use your vacation home because of the potential tax savings available. Let's look at each of these tax treatments separately.

### Personal Use With Limited Rental

If you rent your second home for less than 15 days per year, Uncle Sam will allow you to exclude all rental income you receive from taxable income. You won't have to count any of the income on your tax return. At the rate some vacation homes rent for, this can literally amount to thousands of dollars. For example, if you owned beach front property which you could rent for \$175 per day, you could potentially exclude up to \$2,450 ( $\$175 \times 14$  days) from taxable income.

Of course, your rental expenses aren't deducted, but you won't lose the deductions you're currently taking for a second home such as qualified residence interest, real estate taxes or casualty losses. If this tax treatment fits your use pattern it can be a great benefit. There aren't many areas in the tax code which allow you to get tax free income.

### Rental Use With Limited Personal Use

Under this tax treatment you are considered primarily to be renting your vacation home. In other words, you purchased a rental which you get to use a couple of times a year for personal purposes. To determine this classification Uncle Sam considers more than just your intent. There is an exact rule for determining whether you may classify your vacation home as a rental. If you personally use it for less than 15 days or 10% of the number of days you rent it, whichever is greater, your vacation home will be considered a rental. All the rules and tax benefits usually accorded other rentals will apply.

Of course, if you use the residence personally during the year, you will need to allocate your expenses between personal and rental use. This is done because expenses which are attributable to personal use are not deductible as rental expenses. Let's take an example, suppose your utility bill during the year comes to \$500; you rented for 200 days and used the home personally for 10 days. Your rental deduction for utility costs would be \$476 which is the \$500 total cost less personal use cost of \$24 ( $\$500 \times 10$  days personal use divided by 210 total use days).

### Mixed Personal & Rental Use

If you exceed the limitation for personal use of your vacation home (more than 14 days or 10% of the number of days rented, whichever is greater), it will be considered primarily a second "residence." This mixed use designation can still

be good. You will still be able to deduct expenses which are attributable to the rental use, however they are limited to the extent of your rental income. In other words, you can't produce a tax loss from your rental activities.

Producing a tax loss has traditionally been one of the major incentives of investing in rental property. And of course as before, any expenses which are allocated to your personal use of the vacation home are not deductible as rental expenses. Some personal expenses however may be deductible in other places on your tax return. For example, utility costs allocated to personal use won't be deductible while property taxes allocated to personal use may not be deductible as rental expense but may be deductible as an itemized deduction on Schedule A of Form 1040.

So now you may be asking which of the three tax treatments is best for my situation. Unfortunately there is not a simple answer. It will depend on what your costs are in certain categories and how much you intend to use your vacation home for personal use.

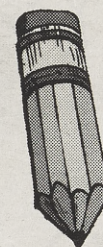
On the surface the best choice usually seems to qualify it as a rental, our second tax treatment. This is usually done to get the full benefits of having rental property. Let's look at an example to see that sometimes what seems to be the best tax treatment may not always be your best choice. Suppose you rented your beach house for 250 days during the year and used it personally for 23 days. You know this will qualify the property as rental property because you used it personally less than 25 days or 10% of the 250 days rented.

Further let's assume your mortgage interest for the year is \$3,200. You may allocate \$2,192 ( $\$3,200 \times 250/365$ ) as a rental expense but the remaining \$1,008 ( $\$3,200 - \$2,192$ ) is lost as a deduction. You can't deduct it as mortgage interest because your vacation home is classified as rental property and mortgage interest is only deductible on a personal residence. Once you realize that the loss in interest expense deduction is going to be greater than other benefits you would receive by having the rental classification, you might want to take steps to convert it back to a second residence. In our example you could convert the property back by exceeding the 10% limitation for personal use days. If you used the beach house for 3 additional days your use would go up to 26 days and

be over the 25 day limitation. Once over, the property would convert back to personal and the lost interest deduction for personal use would be an itemized deduction.

For some, trying to determine tax strategies may not be important. After all, if you don't need the tax breaks and you purchased your vacation home strictly as a place to relax, trying to get the best tax advantage can be more trouble than it's worth. But for others, paying close attention to the tax implications may be the only way to afford your vacation home. Your tax advisor can help you map out tax strategies if you need help.

It can be well worth your time.



## Are Mortgage Points Deductible This Year?

Mortgage points are prepaid interest to the mortgage company to buy down or reduce the interest rate charged over the life of the loan. Uncle Sam will allow you to deduct the points you or the seller pays when acquiring a mortgage on your principal residence.

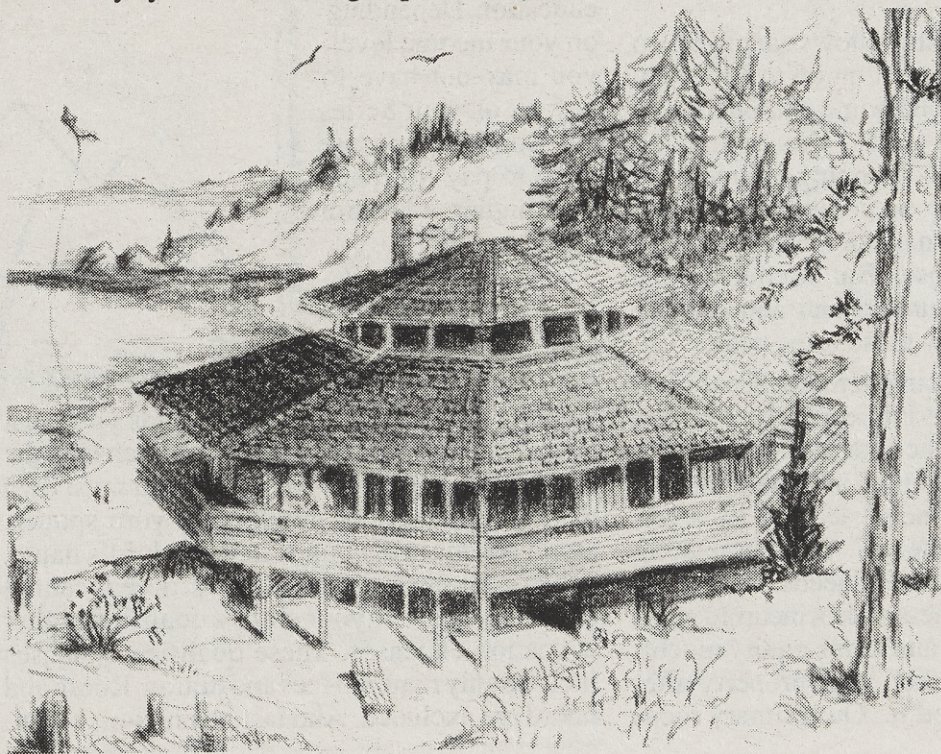
What most taxpayers want to know is, can I deduct the cost of my points on my tax return this year? Generally speaking, Uncle Sam requires taxpayers to deduct the cost of mortgage points over the life of the loan, using some reasonable method to allocate the deduction to each year. However, there is an exception. Uncle Sam will allow cash-basis taxpayers to deduct prepaid points upon payment if:

- the points are paid in connection with the purchase, construction, or improvement of the principal residence;
- the indebtedness is secured by the principal residence; and
- charging points is an accepted business practice in the area.

Note that to get the current year deduction the points must be paid at closing and not financed as part of the loan. In addition, points must be paid on a "principal residence." Points incurred on the purchase of a "second residence"

are not currently deductible and must be prorated over the life of the loan.

One last point. You should be aware that the points paid to refinance your home loan are not deductible unless the loan proceeds are used to improve your principal residence. If, however, only a portion of the refinancing goes toward improvement or construction, only that portion may be currently deducted. The balance must be prorated over the life of the loan.



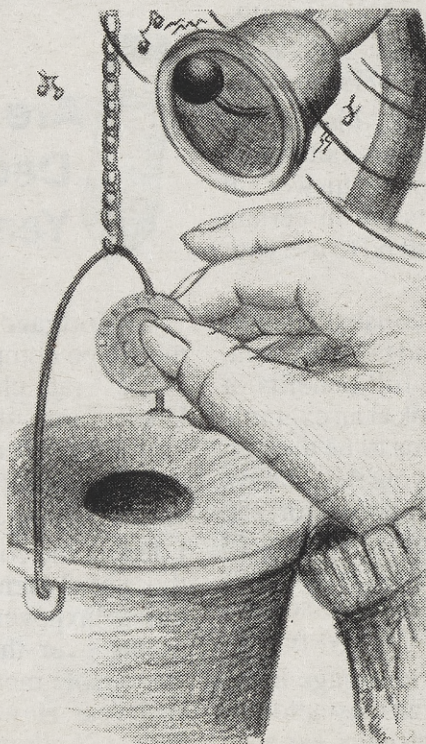




## Contributions Over \$250 Will Need Substantiation

Don't forget the new rules for substantiating your charitable donations. Starting in 1994, no deduction will be allowed for donations of \$250 or more unless you have a written acknowledgment from the charity. To qualify, the charity must include cash received and a description of any non-cash property received. In addition, if the charity provides any goods or services to entice you to make a contribution, a description and good faith estimate of the value must be included on your written acknowledgment or receipt. This means those \$100 charity dinners you go to, or the video tape series you get as a gift, are no longer fully deductible. The nonprofit will tell you the value of the meal or of the video tapes you received. Only contributions in excess of the gift will be deductible.

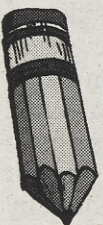
Uncle Sam will allow you to forego the written acknowledgment if the charity files an information return with the IRS. The information would be reported to the IRS the way banks report interest income. However, you shouldn't count on nonprofits filing these information returns. They are costly, time consuming, and most nonprofits are not set up to process these reports. You should play it safe and get a written acknowledgment for your donations of \$250 or more.



here is home equity indebtedness because this is what we're going to convert our non-deductible consumer interest into.

Home equity indebtedness can't exceed the lesser of \$100,000 or the difference between the fair market value of your home and the total acquisition debt, whichever is less. Let's take an example to help illustrate this. Suppose you had borrowed heavily to purchase a new car and boat this year. If the interest from these loans were deductible it would substantially lower Uncle Sam's tax bill. Last year, you purchased your home for \$190,000. You put \$120,000 down and financed the remaining \$70,000. The \$70,000 would be considered "acquisition debt." The difference between the fair market value (let's assume it's still \$190,000) and the acquisition debt of \$70,000 is \$120,000, so you could take out a home equity loan of \$100,000 and the interest would be fully deductible.

We now know what our limit is when we go to the bank. Remember though, the loan must be secured by your home. If it isn't secured by your home, it will be considered just another consumer loan and the interest won't be deductible. Your tax professional can help you determine if a home equity loan will reduce your taxes and what your borrowing limits would be.



## US Savings Bonds For Education

Uncle Sam wants to help you with your child's college education. Depending on your income level, you may not have to pay tax on your Series EE Bonds if you use them to pay for qualified higher education expenses.

Watch out though, there are some limitations. For example, when you purchase the bonds you must be at least 24 years old and have purchased the bonds after December 31, 1989. You must own them individually or jointly with your spouse. Don't purchase the bonds in your child's name. When you redeem the bonds the proceeds cannot exceed the cost of your child's qualified higher education expenses. These qualified expenses include only required fees and tuition. Room and board are excluded. And last, the income exclu-

sion is phased out for married taxpayers filing joint returns with adjusted gross incomes from \$63,450 to \$93,450. For single taxpayers the phase-out is from \$42,300 to \$57,300.



## Deducting Educational Cost

Uncle Sam may allow you to deduct educational costs including tuition, books, supplies, and the cost of travel to and from your courses. To be deductible the education must be associated with your business or profession and must satisfy either of the two following tests.

First, the education must help maintain or improve your existing business skills. The key words here are "maintain existing skills." Uncle Sam will not allow you to write-off the costs of education which prepares you to meet the *minimum* requirements of your profession or to enter a new occupation.

Secondly, the costs you incur must be for education required by your present employer or by the law to retain your current position or rate of pay.

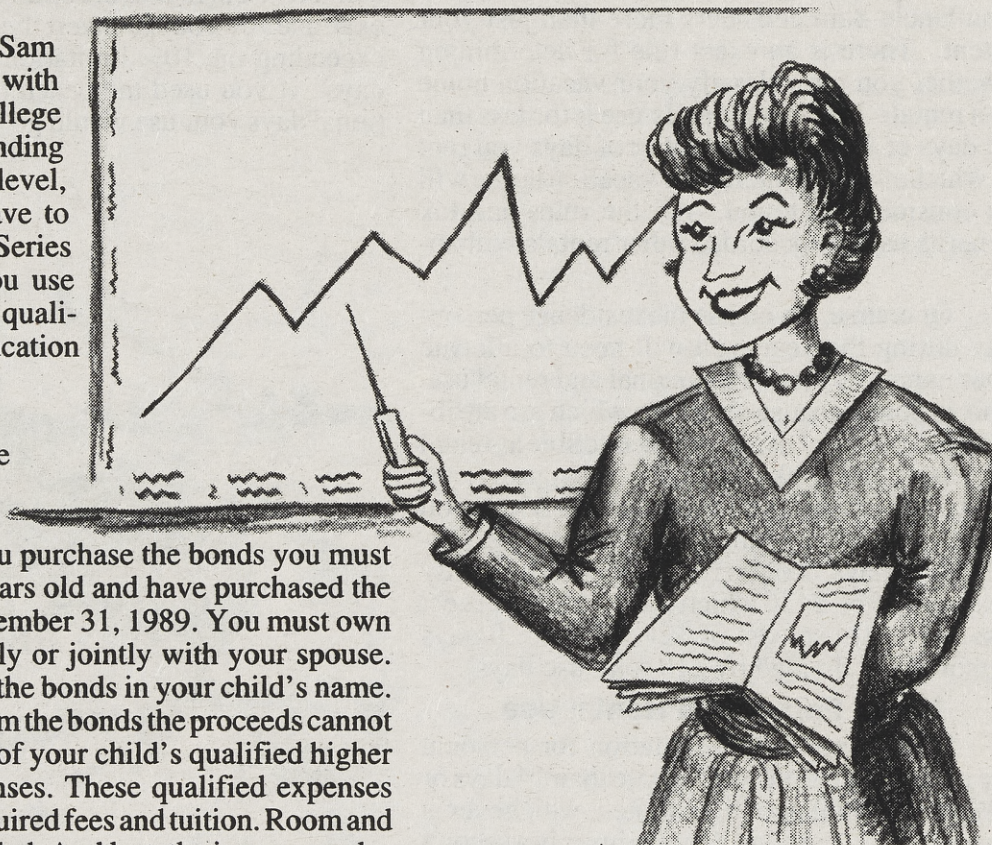
If your boss doesn't reimburse you for the cost of your education, you may deduct your educational costs on Schedule A as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. Like all other miscellaneous itemized deductions, your educational costs are subject to the 2% floor. That is, you can only deduct your educational costs to the extent that, when combined with your other miscellaneous deductions, they exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income. Of course, if you're self-employed, you won't have to worry about itemizing. You can write off your deductible educational costs directly through your business.



## Home Equity Loans

Uncle Sam allows taxpayers to deduct the interest on up to \$100,000 of debt for a first or second home without regard to how the funds are used. This creates an opportunity for some tax planning. If you have consumer debt that can be converted to home equity debt, you can turn nondeductible interest into a deductible expense. But of course there are rules you need to understand and comply with. Let's look at how these rules work.

To be deductible your interest expense must be "qualified residence interest." Uncle Sam defines qualified residence interest as any interest incurred on "acquisition indebtedness" or "home equity indebtedness" secured by a primary or secondary residence. Without making this more complicated than it needs to be, think of acquisition indebtedness as debt incurred when the home is purchased and home equity indebtedness as debt incurred on your property after you've already acquired it. Our primary focus







## Paying Your Taxes On The Installment Plan

If you can't pay your taxes when they come due Uncle Sam may allow you to pay them in monthly installments. Here's how the program works.

First, you will need to file an installment agreement request. This can be done by filing Form 9465 and attaching it to the front of your tax return. When the IRS accepts your installment request, they agree to allow you to make monthly installments instead of paying the full balance. In turn, you agree to make monthly payments per your agreement request. If you don't make your payments on time the IRS will put you in default and the IRS starts collection procedures. The IRS suggests that you write your name, address, social security number, phone number, and the tax year and tax return on your check.

Of course, the IRS will still charge interest on any unpaid balance and you may have to pay a late payment penalty on taxes not paid by their original due date. The IRS can assess late filing penalties even though they grant your request to make installment payments. To reduce your penalty and interest assessments you should file your tax return on time and pay down the liability as much as possible.

While the installment payment program does relieve some cash flow problems, it is more expensive. Your tax advisor will be able to

discuss whether you would benefit from using the installment program.



## Getting Ready For Your Tax Preparer

The best advice is to start early. The earlier you file, the earlier you'll get your refund. And even if you owe taxes, preparing your return early will allow time to make budget adjustments so you can pay Uncle Sam.

You should view preparation of your tax return as a team effort between you and your tax advisor. By working as a team you can reduce your taxes to their lowest level. Your goal should be to provide your preparer with neat, organized information. Your tax preparer's goal will be to complete your tax return using all the deductions and tax planning opportunities legally available to you. If your information is sloppy, missing documents and hard to read, your preparer's attention will be diverted from his or her primary goal of tax planning.

In addition to gathering all your income and deduction records, you should also find a copy of last year's tax return to take with you. Make a note to your tax advisor if you had an address, dependent, or occupation change during the year. If you have questions, always write them down. That way you won't forget them when you get into your tax advisor's office.



## Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction Increases

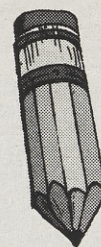
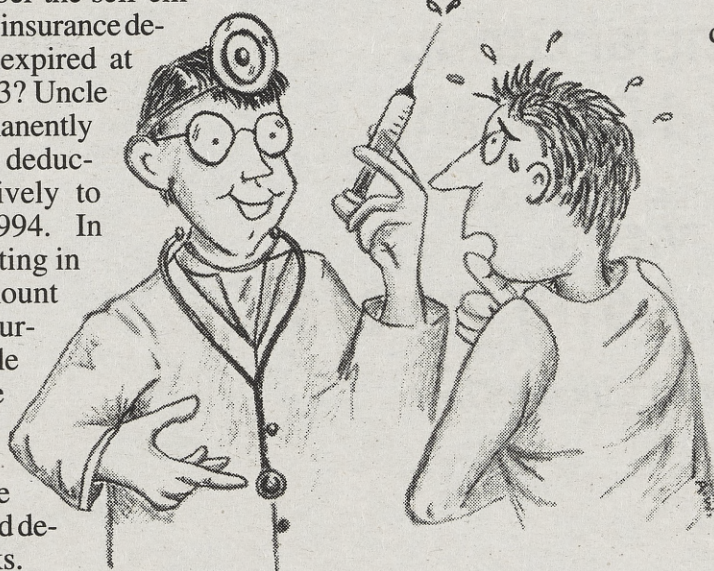
Remember the self-employed health insurance deduction that expired at the end of 1993? Uncle Sam has permanently reinstated the deduction retroactively to January 1, 1994. In addition, starting in 1995, the amount of health insurance deductible will increase from 25% to 30%. Let's see how the self-employed deduction works.

To qualify you must be self-employed and neither you nor your spouse be eligible to participate in another employer's subsidized health plan. You

may deduct 30% of the cost you paid for health insurance directly from your income. For example, if your health insurance costs for you and your family were \$2,000 you would be eligible to deduct \$600 ( $\$2,000 \times 30\%$ ) from your income for 1995. There is one limitation. Uncle Sam will disallow the deduction to the extent it exceeds your self-employed income.

This beneficial deduction is not available for taxpayers who are not self-employed. As non-self-employed taxpayers, we must itemize our deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 to get a deduction for medical insurance costs. Even then we will only benefit for that portion of the medical costs which exceed  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  of our ad-

justed gross income. This calculation is so limiting that the results usually yield little or no benefit.



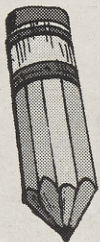
## Reporting Your Child's Income On Your Tax Return

Uncle Sam may allow you to include your child's income on your tax return. This may be less time consuming and costly than filing two separate tax returns.

To qualify, your child must be under the age of 14 and have only income from interest, dividends, or capital gain distributions of less than \$5,000. Also, Uncle Sam won't allow you to make the election if your child made estimated tax payments or had federal tax withheld during the year.

Before deciding whether to make this election you should consider the costs and benefits. While it will be easier to include your child's income on your return, it may have negative tax consequences. Adding additional income to your return increases your adjusted gross income (AGI) and will affect all those AGI-sensitive deductions, such as the medical expense deduction, casualty losses, IRA deductions, and miscellaneous itemized deductions. It may also affect your child care credit or the \$25,000 rental real estate loss allowance. Ask your tax preparer for help in deciding which is the most beneficial way for you to file.





## Should I Still Put Money Into My IRA?

IRAs are individual retirement accounts set up and maintained by individuals. Prior to the 1986 Tax Reform Act all IRAs were fully tax-deductible. Currently, however, only two categories of taxpayers are able to deduct contributions: those not covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan and those whose adjusted gross income is below certain levels.

To decide whether you should make an IRA contribution let's review what benefits are available and which ones you are eligible for. If you decide to make an IRA contribution for 1995, you have until April 15th, 1996 to make it.

Generally, Uncle Sam will allow each individual to contribute \$2,000 per year to an IRA, or 100 percent of your current year compensation, whichever is less. Compensation is defined as income received for personal services and includes such items as wages, commissions, tips and professional fees. It doesn't include income from passive sources such as interest, rents, dividends, and income from a pension or annuity.

The tax benefits from your IRA contribution are two-fold. First, you get to deduct the contribution from your current taxable income. This means that you don't pay income tax in 1995 on the amount you contribute but defer any

taxes until the day you withdraw the money from the account. If you're in the 28 percent tax bracket this can be a current tax savings of \$560 ( $\$2,000 \times 28\%$ ). Secondly, once your money is in the IRA it earns tax deferred income. That is, you don't have to pay tax on the income earned by the IRA until you withdraw it from your account. That means more dollars are left in your IRA which in turn will make more income the following year.

This tax deferred growth can amount to a substantial increase in total return compared to the same funds compounding in a normal, taxable account.

Now let's look at all the limitations Uncle Sam has placed on who can deduct an IRA and in what amounts. Contributions are only fully deductible if your employer doesn't provide a plan or if your employer provides a plan but you earn less than a designated dollar amount during the year. We will look at these limitations shortly.



You should also note that if your spouse is covered by a plan at work, both of you are subject to the limitations.

For those of you who have a company sponsored pension plan, your contribution may still be deductible, depending on how much you earn during the year. If you're married, filing a joint return, your contribution will be fully deductible if your adjusted gross income is \$40,000 or less. The deduction will be phased out if your income falls between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Likewise, if you're single and have income of \$25,000 or less, your contribution is fully deductible, but will be phased out if your income is between \$25,000 and \$35,000.

If you're prohibited under the tax law from making deductible IRA contributions, you may still make nondeductible contributions. Of course, the maximum nondeductible contribution is still limited to \$2,000, or your earned compensation, whichever is less. The only advantage to making a nondeductible contribution will be the tax deferral on the IRA earnings which won't be taxable until withdrawn from the account. Your tax advisor can help you sort through the facts and decide whether an IRA is right for you in 1995.

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# Virgin Vacations expands gay market tours

Virgin Vacations is expanding its tour product offerings for gay and lesbian travelers, including for the first time new set group departures scheduled for February and March.

Previously, Virgin Vacations only offered packages for independent travelers, but "in discussions with our gay customers, the one recurring request we had was the option for more defined group activities," said William King, Vice President of Sales, North America.

Thus, Virgin Vacations plans 3-night/4-day tours to London scheduled for departure on Feb. 8 and March 6, with two additional escorted tours to France planned.

The "Out for Fun in London" package tours include round-trip airfare on Virgin

Atlantic Airways, airport-to-hotel transfers, three nights first class hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, a welcome cocktail party and a half-day guided "Out for Fun" packages start at \$729 per person for departures from New York JFK. From Boston and Newark, the package costs \$759 and from Los Angeles and San Francisco per person charges at \$879. Additional hotel nights cost \$89 per person.

The escorted tours to France will be led by Judy

Nelson, a renowned gay rights activist and Kay Pfaltz, a noted tour guide and lecturer on travel in France who has lived in Paris since 1986. Pfaltz has written a guide book, *A Walk Through Paris*.

Gay travelers taking advantage of Virgin Vacations' "Out for Fun" package also will receive a copy of "Detour's London" (a \$20 value), the gay and lesbian travel guide, as well as free admission to some of London's hottest gay and lesbian clubs.

Virgin Vacations packages can be booked through travel agents advertising in *MGW*. ▼

# Key West plans spring break

The 400 members of the Key West Business Guild are planning America's first ever "Gay Spring Break," March 1 thru April 7.

Among the planned events are weekly sunset pool parties, barbecues, movies at the southernmost outdoor theater, snorkeling and sunset cruises, sock hops, a condom modeling contest, plus discounts on gourmet meals, and live theater. Gay men and women will find a warm welcome wherever they go, from the museums and historical sites to the leading stores on Duval Street.

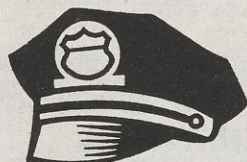
"Most resorts discourage Spring-break students, but we're rolling out the rainbow carpet for our gay sisters and brothers," said Dennis Beaver, president of the Business Guild and owner of *A Tropical Inn*. "Until now, there's never been one place for gay students to enjoy their midwinter break in style and among friends ... so c'mon down!" he adds.

Key West, the last American island at the tip of Florida, is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. It has an unusual array of gay guests houses and resorts, international restaurants, America's most beautiful coral reef and the best weather found in the continental United States.

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# CALENDAR

# FEBRUARY

To list events in MGW's calendar please send info at least 10 working days prior to desired publish in the following format: event, sponsor, place, time, cost, phone to 1725 L St., Sac. 95814.

## 1 THURSDAY

**35+ LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**, DeWitt Ctr., Auburn, 6pm, 632-7080.  
**AUDITIONS**, "Another War," and "A Lesbian Perspective," cold readings, 8pm, 442-7752 for location.  
**BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2-5pm, 442-0185.  
**WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.  
**HEAL**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.  
**CODA**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.  
**MCC CATHEDRAL SINGERS REHEARSAL**, Sanctuary, 7pm.  
**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 10pm.

## 2 FRIDAY

**MELONNEE DESIREE**, Capitol Garage Coffee Co., L & 15th, 8:30pm, 444-3633.  
**LUCY JANE BLEDSOE, NISA DONNELLY, CAROLYN KING**, book reading "Heatwave," Lit-oness Books, 2224 J St., 7pm, 442-4657.  
**NO. CALIF. HOME & LANDSCAPE SHOW**, Cal Expo, 1-8pm, 927-7441.  
**LAMBDA U**, Free classes, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.  
**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 4pm.  
**SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY POPS** "Tributes," Eric Knight, conductor, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

## 3 SATURDAY

**CAMELLIA ORCHESTRA**, with Laura Carnibucci, flute & Sac Men's Chorus, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 8pm, 441-5188.  
**SAC INT'L DEPRESSION GLASS CLUB**, Show & Sale, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., 10am-5pm, 274-0911.  
**NO. CALIF. HOME & LANDSCAPE SHOW**, Cal Expo, 10am-8pm, 927-7441.  
**DYKES OUT TOGETHER**, Monopoly Game Night, 5pm, RSVP by Feb. 1 452-2821.  
**EAGLES WALKING**, Sarti's, Jibbom St., 10am, 991-2420.  
**FRONTRUNNERS**, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199.  
**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 10am.  
**YOUTH SOCIAL**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.  
**SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY POPS** "Tributes," Eric Knight, conductor, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

## 4 SUNDAY

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC & DANCE**, Chamber Music Society of Sac. & Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, CSUS Music Recital Hall, CSUS campus, 7:30pm, \$10-\$12, 457-7733.

**SAC INT'L DEPRESSION GLASS CLUB**, Show & Sale, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., 10am-5pm, 274-0911.

**NO. CALIF. HOME & LANDSCAPE SHOW**, Cal Expo, 10am-8pm, 927-7441.

**JAZZ PIANIST JESSICA WILLIAMS**, American River College, Music Dept., 4pm, \$8-\$10, 484-7727.

**COMPASS**, Benefit concert for AIDS Interfaith Network & the NAMES Project, Pioneer Congregational Church, 2700 L St., 7pm, \$5 donation, 443-7727.

**4TH ANNUAL WHISTLER (CANADA) GAYSKI WEEK**, 800/695-0800 thru Feb. 11.

**GET TOGETHER GATHERING**, NorCal G/L Deaf/Hard of Hearing Group, 1850 Maykirk Way, 2pm, \$2/members, \$4/nonmembers, 973-8448 TTY/CRS.

**AMANDA! CULTURE IS THE SEED**, Center for the Arts Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission St., San Francisco, 2pm, 415/978-ARTS.

**MCC**, Worship service, 9am, 10:45am, 6pm.

**RIVER CITY BOWLERS**, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.

**DIFFERENT SPOKES** Meet @ McKinley Park, 10am, 962-7434.

## 5 MONDAY

**FREEDOM FAIR PLANNING MEETING**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 646-1778, 442-0185.

**RISK AWARENESS WORKSHOP**, safer sex education for men of color, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, free, 442-0185.

**MCC EAGLES NEST** The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

**EAGLES** support group, 7pm, 991-2420

**FRONTRUNNERS**, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.



Laura Carnibucci with Sac. Men's Chorus

**WOMEN'S CHORUS** Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

**MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

**UCD PRESENTS** Landmark Series, Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Orchestra, 8pm, Sacramento Community Center Theatre, 752-1915.

## 6 TUESDAY

**THE FOUR TOPS**, Sacramento Symphony, Convention Ctr., 14th & L St., 8pm, 264-5181.

**1001 R St.**, thru February.  
**Galeria de la Raza/Studio 24** "Year of the Immigrant," Jan. 17-March 2, reception: Jan. 20, 24th & Bryant, San Francisco, 415/828-8009.  
**Matrix Gallery**, Jann Nunn sculpture, Nancy Morrow painting, Louise Roach photography, Jan. 3-Feb. 2; Hifumi Ogawa, Marlene Angeja, Feb. 3-March 2, reception: Feb. 10, 6-9pm; Printmakers - Doug Minkler, Seung Chul Lee, Brooke Molla, Marianne Kolb, Feb. 3-March 30, reception: Feb. 10, 6-9pm, 1725 L St. 441-4818.  
**Michael Himovitz Gallery**, "Present to Present" Fred Babb, Julie Didion, Elizabeth Hollon, Margaret Maye, George Berticovich, Kim Scott Jan. 10-Feb. 2; Stuart Allen, Frank Damiano, Nathaniel F. Lewis, Feb. 7-March 1, reception: Feb. 10, 7-9pm; Gary Epting, Kurt Kemp, Mark Perleman, March 6-April 5, reception: March 9, 7-9pm; 1020 10th St., 448-8723.  
**Nelson Gallery**, Artists' Valentines Jan. 22-Feb. 10; Clay Works Feb. 25-March 29; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions May 31-June 28, UCD, 124 Art Bldg., 752-8500.  
**Quicksilver Mine Co.**, Constructions by Ben Hill, Jan. 12-Feb. 18, Artwalk in Sebastopol, first Thurs. every month, 5:30-8pm; group show: Landscapes, Feb. 23-March 31, reception: Feb. 23 5:30-7:30, 154 N. Main St., Sebastopol, 707/829-2416.  
**Solomon Dubnick**, Maija Peeples, Roy Herrick, Feb. 8-March 2, reception: Feb. 13, 6-9pm, 2131 Northrop, 920-4547.  
**Shenandoah Vineyards**, Chool Goh - Landscapes, Eric Wyss - Ceramic sculpture, Feb. 3-March 31, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455.

**Uptown Arts**, Phist Phantom Phundraiser Party, Feb. 1, 6-10pm, Radisson Hotel, 451-4545; Stephanie Taylor, Feb. 3, 9am; "Left Overs," Lynda Jolley & Danielle Restaino, Feb. 10, Phantom Gallery, Del Paso Blvd., 739-8042; FUN-GAMES, Karen Hill Garman, Feb. 10, 6-9pm, 1405 Del Paso Blvd., \$2.50/person, 924-1234; D. Oldham, Lynda Jolley, Center for Contemporary Arts, Feb. 11, 446-2740; Sweetarts for the Arts, Feb. 14, 446-2740; 927-6023; Kim Mueller, Nanci Mills, Phantom Scavenger Hunt, Feb. 19, 1001 Del Paso Works, \$25, 457-5971, 649-9632; Over The Edge Gravity Races, 2170 Edgewater Rd., Feb. 24, \$20, 924-1522; Global Wine Tasting, Enclotia Cafe & Wine Bar, 1431 Del Paso Blvd., Feb. 25, \$25, 447-9463; Chinese New Year Celebration Cooking Class/Dinner, Mazzeelle Catering, Feb. 27, 6pm, 2301 J St., rear door, \$85, 441-3175; Rob Keth Birthday Bash, Feb. 28, 7pm, No. Sac. Chamber of Commerce, 492 Arden Way, 200, 646-3121.

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**Fox & Goose**, Comic Press News Award Winners, 1024 10th St., April 1-30.

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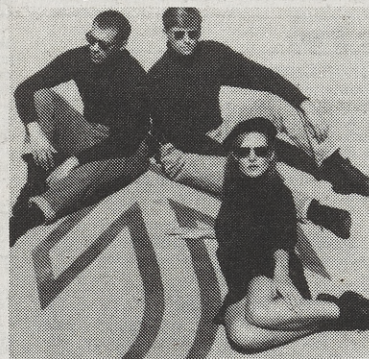
**CAPITAL CITY SQUARES** Dance class, Jefferson Elementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

## 7 WEDNESDAY

**DALE SCHOLL DANCE ART**, "Bebop," CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall 1010, CSUS, 8pm, \$10-\$12, 451-3732.

**"Bebop"**



**SAC VALLEY BEARS**, Wreck Room, 7pm, 484-3761.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**, potluck meeting, 7pm, 421-6209.

**PANEL MAKER'S SEWING BEE**, NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Pioneer Church, 27th & L St., 6pm, 484-4164.

**LESLEA NEWMAN**, in San Francisco, 310/582-8820 for location, time.

**HIV+ EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP**, Buhler Bldg., 2800 L St., 7:30pm, 446-3734, 386-2504.

**20 SOMETHINGS** Social/Rap Group, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

**MCC FAMILY NIGHT**, Social Hall, 6:30pm.

**FRONTRUNNERS**, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199.

## 8 THURSDAY

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**BONNIE SIMOA DANCE COMPANY**, "Elevated Hearts," Veterans Memorial Theatre, 14th & B St., Davis, 8pm, \$7-\$10, 758-6391.

**BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2-5pm, 442-0185.

**WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

**CODA**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.

**MCC CATHEDRAL SINGERS REHEARSAL**, Sanctuary, 7pm.

**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 10pm.

**UCD PRESENTS** Varsity Series, Sotavento, Latin American Music, 8pm, Varsity Theatre, UCD, 752-1915.

## 9 FRIDAY

**LIQUID SUNSHINE**, Capitol Garage Coffee Co., L & 15th, 8:30pm, 444-3633.

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**LAMBDA U**, Free classes, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

**YOUTH RAP GROUP**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

**CAFE LAMBDA**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 4pm.

**SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CLASSICS** Classical Tides, Geoffrey Simon, conductor, Alain LeFevre, piano. Works of Debussy, Corigliano and Beethoven. 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

## 10 SATURDAY

**THE PURPLE PARTY**, benefit Project Open Hand/Atlanta, Atlanta Apparel Mart, 404/525-1508.

**DALE SCHOLL DANCE ART**, "BEBOP," CSUS DANCESPACE, SOLANO HALL 1010, CSUS, 8PM, \$10-\$12, 451-3732.

**COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING**, Puppy Kindergarten, 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience, 7:40pm, Bohemian Park, Wright St. & Yellowstone, 485-2201.

**3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK**, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., \$20-\$25, RSVP by Feb. 2, 781-2047.

**AMADOR VINTNERS' BARREL TASTING**, 17 wineries in Shenandoah Valley, Sutter Hill, Jackson Valley areas, advance tickets only \$25/both days, 209/245-6942.

**JENNIFER BEREZAN**, w/Nina Gerber & Anthony Costello, The Palms, 726 Drummond, Davis, 8pm, \$12.50, 923-BASS.

## THEATER

**Broadway Series** Gypsy, Jan 30-Feb 4; *An Inspector Calls*, Apr. 2 - 7; *Ain't Misbehavin'*, May 28 - Jun 2, Sacramento Light Opera Assoc., Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St., 264-5181.

**Caryn Horwitz**, *Making Porn*, Feb. 23-Feb. 25, WARNING: Contains nudity & strong language, 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., 484-5088.

**Chautauqua Playhouse**, *Scandals, Lies, and Then Some*, Jan. 12-Feb. 17; *The White Rose*, March 1-April 6; *Dial M for Murder*, April 19-May 25; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY.

**Garbeau's**, *Pocahontas*, Jan. 20-March 9; *Glenn Miller Orchestra*, April 17; *I Hate Hamlet*, Jan. 12-March 10; *Private Lives*, March 15-May 5; *Spider's Web*, A Portrait of Patsy Cline, May 6-June 2; *July 12-Sept. 15: Dracula*, Sept. 20-Nov. 24; *Holidazzle*, Nov. 29-Dec. 30, 12401 Folsom Blvd., 985-6361.

**Golden Gate Theatre**, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Jan. 7-Feb. 3, 415/776-1999, 510/762-BASS.

**The Lambda Players**, *Edward II* in rep with *A Lesbian Spectacular*, Apr 5-May 4; *The Killing of*

## MASTER CALENDAR

**SAC Ford Explorer Grand Prize Drawing**, 448-2437, ext. 215 ..... February 29  
**4th Annual Whistler (Canada) Gay Ski Week**, 800/695-0800 ..... February 4-11  
**Outwrite 96, Boston, MA, 800/225-2008** ..... February 23-25  
**Int'l Gay Ski Week - Zurich, Switzerland** ..... March 8-16  
**California Primary Elections** ..... March 26  
**Special Recall Election Arden Manor Rec/Park District** ..... May 31-June 2  
**Envision: Perspective**, 731-8802 ..... June 1  
**CAP/PAC Annual Dinner** ..... June 1  
**Lambda G/L/B/ Freedom Fair**, 442-0185 ..... June 8  
**S.F. Int'l L/G Film Festival**, 415/703-8650 ..... June 21-30  
**Nat'l L/G Health Conference & AIDS/HIV Forum**, 800/367-1481 ..... July 13-17  
**National Coming Out Day**, 800/866-6263 ..... October 11  
**MGW Newspaper's 19th Anniversary**, 441-6397 ..... November

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**BONNIE SIMOA DANCE COMPANY**, "Elevated Hearts," Veterans Memorial Theatre, 14th & B St., Davis, 8pm, \$7-\$10, 758-6391.

**QSAC 5TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**, Andiamo's, 6:30pm, 729-3799.

**ADAPTIVE LEISURE SERVICES**, new social/recreational program for people with physical disabilities, ages 16+, Goethe Park, 12noon, \$3.50/person, 366-2940, thru June 1996.

**PFLAG/PROJECT OPEN MIND BENEFIT**, featuring comic Susan Westenhofer, The State Theatre, 1307 J St., Modesto, 8pm, \$18 show only, \$25 show & champagne/dessert, 209/527-0776.

**DIFFERENT SPOKES**, 60 mile ride meet @ Davis Art Ctr. 9am, 962-7434.

**2ND SATURDAY Art Gallery Walk**, 912 12th St., 441-1013.

**EAGLES WALKING**, Sarti's, Jibbom St., 10am, 991-2420.

**FRONTRUNNERS**, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199.

**BEING GAY TODAY**, Channel 17, 10am.

**YOUTH SOCIAL**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

**IN THE LIFE**, KVIE, Channel 6, midnight.

**SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CLASSICS** Classical Tides, Geoffrey Simon, conductor, Alain LeFevre, piano. Works of Debussy, Corigliano and Beethoven. 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

**UCD PRESENTS** Worldstage Series, Boys Choir of Harlem, 35-member clarion call to optimism. 8pm, Freeborn Hall, UCD, 752-1915.

**UCD PRESENTS** Worldstage Series, Joshua Redman, saxophone, 1994 Jazz Artist of the Year. 8pm, Freeborn Hall, UCD, 752-1915.

## 11 SUNDAY

**CALIF SYMPHONY**, with violinist Cho-Liang Lin, Dean Lesher Regional Ctr., 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, 7:30pm, \$27-\$36, 510/943-SHOW.

**GAY FATHERS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 456-3237.

**RIVER CITY BOWLERS**, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.

**GAY FATHERS OF SACTO** 6pm, Lambda Center, 456-3237.

**MCC**, Worship service, 9:45am, 11am, 6pm.

## 12 MONDAY

**MARTINA NAVRATILLOVA**, book signing, *Breaking Point*, Different Light, S.F., 1-2pm, 415/431-0891.

**MCC EAGLES NEST** The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

**FRONTRUNNERS**, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.

**WOMEN'S CHORUS** Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

**MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6:30pm, 442-0185.

**COLORS**, Lambda Center, 919 20th St.,



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Apartments & Houses for Rent, Whisler Land Company, 448-1999. TFN

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## Miscellaneous For Sale

### Rainbow Decals & Stickers

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## Personals

### D. Armitage!

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Gd. looking 26 yr. old, 178cm tall, blond hair, journalist & photographer, like to have a friend. I will visit America this year and I hope that you will show me some interesting places. Interests: Travel, music, books, photography, sport (bodybuilding), computers and ... If you are looking for a friend or would like to help me write article about gay life in America, write to me in English, Russian or Polish with your photo. All letters answered. Grzegorz Rompa, Box 365, 60-959 POZNAN 2, Poland.

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#### OPEN CASTING CALL

Local Sacramento celebrity, 6'3", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyed leading man looking for co-star in the ultimate romantic comedy. Please! No drama or horror types. WLTm mature thespian with star quality, sincere heart, great legs and no skeletons in closet! (3/14) **Q1316**

#### WANTING TO MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

Loving, affectionate, disabled male, 45, on Social Security, looking for well off, but, not required, ND/NS, bottom, age 19-45, who is very femme, etc., who likes Star Trek, movies, computers, classical music, etc. (3/14) **Q1317**

#### BLACK ONLY

GWM seeks BM 20-40, your pleasure is my pleasure. Must be discreet. I enjoy giving pleasure. Be The One. (3/14) **Q1319**

#### LIGHT SEEKING DARK

Professional GWM, 32, 6', 180#, blond/blue WLTm someone of olive to black complexion. Must be open-minded, honest, responsible, and fun loving. Likes include dining out, walking, travel, and music. Take a chance! (3/14) **Q1323**

#### SEEKING MR. RIGHT

I'm 5'9", 155#, 39 yr. old GWM. Attractive, educated, HIV-. Like theatre, travel, reading, down to earth stuff and more. Looking for similar, ND, LA. Possible LTR. (3/14) **Q1324**

#### ONLY ONE MAN

that's what I need! This GWM, 38, 5'8", 195 seeking that special person. I like country dancing, day trips, general date things, you 26-50, height and weight proportionate. Call me! All calls returned! (3/14) **Q1315**

#### SLEEPLESS IN THE SIERRAS

WLTm GWM who likes mountains. I'm 43, dark hair/eyes, 190, regular guy who smokes, settled, family type, masc. Not professional, not rich, just happy. Looking for LTR with stable masc. man who enjoys outdoors. ND/NA. (2/29) **Q1293**

#### SHOW OFF

GWM, 40's, HT/WT proportional seeks GWM/HM body-builders who enjoy being admired. Come show off for me. 30-50 a +! (3/14) **Q1274**

#### MUSCULAR HANDSOME TOP WANTED

I'm ready to date again! I'm honest sincere, Chicano, attractive, slim, smooth, masculine, passive, HIV-, 30, (3/14)

#### AD OF THE WEEK

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5'5". Seeking honest friendship/LTR w/easygoing tall man w/compassionate heart. I like music, dancing, movies, videos, cuddling, flowers, cards, gentlemen, NS/ND/NA. (2/29) **Q1291**

#### COMUSTA CAYO!

GAM seeks GWM 4 friendship possible LTR. Me: 5'5", 140#, HIV+, 21 yr. old, love cars. Very affectionate, funny, maybe cute? Not N2 1-nighers. Many interests. You: under 45, honest, sincere, in shape, secure and ready 4 whatever happens! (2/29) **Q1290**

#### NOVICE MASTER SEEKS SLAVE

Looking for lasting relationship. Must have submissive attitude and be devoted. Any race, age, size, experience, novice welcome. HIV neg. Limits respected (2/29) **Q1287**

#### TRANSPLANTED SF LIBERAL

Busy UCD grad student, GAM, 31, who's tired of closeted men seeks others with gay pride for friendship and ? I'm handsome, educated, worldly, responsible, athletic, clean shaven and have a positive outlook. Seeking similar GM, NS/ND, 25-40. (2/29) **Q1286**

#### LEATHER, BOOTS & LEVIS

Young WM 19, 5'10", 145, swimmer's body, WLTm hot clean-cut athletic men 19-30 for discreet fun. Hard bodies A+. Teach me bondage, S & M. Cow-boys, leathermen, construction workers preferred. Brief encounters only. NS/ND. (2/29) **Q1285**

#### PRO TYPE BODY BUILDERS

Wanted for body worship. Asian and Latins a plus, safe good fun, must like oil and posing. Me: good looking, 30's, swimmers build. (2/14) **Q1281**

#### DADDY SEEKS DADDY

Tall, moustache, trim 200, Italian/handsome looks, young 40's, big heart, bright, bottom. WLTm rugged/handsome looking top for playtime or relationship. I'm discreet, prof, HIV-, horny and enjoyable. Will please a good man who knows what he wants. (2/14) **Q1282**

#### GWM WLTm

Well educated, kind, honest, out, responsible, stable, active, spiritual, communicative, playful, sometimes silly, supportive, MAN who has a positive outlook on life. Friendship at least, maybe LTR. NS/ND HIV-. I'm professional, musical, athletic. (3/14) **Q1267**

#### LACKADAISICAL INTUITIVENESS

Handsome, smooth, lustful, funny, fit and firm GWM, seeks "thicker" for friendship, laughs, reflections on the Best of Times, and promises to come. Corporate relocation from San Diego. (3/14) **Q1280**

#### LEVI'S AND LEATHER

Bearded athletic tan WM, 37, 6', 180 WLTm hot hairy, horny and hungry men over 30. Beards, moustaches, body hair, solid frames are a turn on. Cowboys, leathermen, construction workers A+. (3/14) **Q1278**

#### VIDEO BUDDY WANTED

45 yr. old GWM WLTm wkdy afternoons. U provide VCR & clean drug/smoke free environment. I will supply the tapes. Physically handicapped OK but must be clean and in good health. (3/14) **Q1276**

#### VAMOS A ACURRUCARNOS

Looking for that ONE in a million. Asian, Hispanic or Filipino 19-25, with a job wanted by GM 21 years. No high school drop-outs, bar-flys, or fats please. Must have cool, outstanding personality. I'm easy-going, relationship minded! (3/14) **Q1273**

#### DIGITAL BEAR

Cute, cuddly, ursine techno-nerd seeks cyber-cub or techno-punk. Object: user-friendly interfacing. Warning: cigarette smoke can shutdown my hard drive. (3/14) **Q1272**

#### SEEKING SOULMATE

GWM, 30's, 5'7", 144#, blond/brn, moustache, attractive, fun loving, spiritual sensual, romantic and loyal. Varied interests reading, camping, theater, amusement parks, symphony. Prefer smooth guys my height or shorter. Dark hair and eyes a big +. No drugs. (3/14) **Q1271**

#### HONEST & SINCERE

Attractive, 6'5" slim, athletic, HIV-, professional very young 41, GWM seeks honest long term relationship. I enjoy rollerblading, hiking, skydiving, camping. I have a great life in Livermore and would like to find that special person to share it with. (3/14) **Q1268**

#### LOOKING FOR SOMEONE OUTGOING

GWM, 33, 5'6", blue eyes, HIV-, looking for someone who loves the outdoors (ND), bike riding. I'm not really a bar person, not looking for Mr. Right or money. Will see HIV people too! (3/14) **Q1269**

#### BOYTOY WANTED

ME: Relationship oriented good looking, mid 20's, top. YOU: 18-24 yr. old, hard body, hot face. Who wants to live beyond his financial means. I'm sure you won't be disappointed in me, or with what I have to share with you. (2/14) **Q1259**

#### YOUNG VIRGIN MALE

5'5" 225 lbs., 22 yr. old Latino. Looking for daddy type to teach me everything. Must be 25-50 yr. old semi-very hairy dominant but lovable HIV-. (2/14) **Q1265**

#### ANY LIBERALS LEFT?

A year after my partner's death, I'm now ready to date again. Looking for someone like me. Nonsmoker, romantic and politically progressive. Interested in friendship first. I'm GWM mid 40's. (2/14) **Q1264**

#### HOLA!

Wanted 18-30 yr. old GWM. To spend time with who likes music, dance, outdoors. Someone who is smooth to touch. N/S A+ 40 OK. No drugs. Let's run on the beach together. (2/14) **Q1263**

#### TOTAL SUBMISSION WANTED

Total bottom/oral sub wanted for complete oral training. Must be total T.T training, bondage, teasing, light S&M, sweaty sex & ? Looking for short term right now. (2/14) **Q1262**

#### THE GOOD GUYS

I'm one, are you? I'm 38, 5'8", 195 lbs. A big, bad teddy who needs cuddling! Into country music & good times. Call me if this sounds good! (2/14) **Q1253**

#### ARE YOU SATISFIED?

Blessed, mature top, WM, 5'9", 165, clean, healthy, uninhibited, laid back, nice guy, WLTm younger, slim, passive bottoms for hassle free pleasure and good times. Long term, mutually satisfying friendship desired. Black or brown skin a plus, but not required. (2/14) **Q1250**

#### TO SERVICE

WM, 55, seeks WM 40-50 for your pleasure, drinkers okay. Looks, size, unimportant. Must be clean, no drugs, or Greek. Not into any control, I enjoy giving, if you enjoy receiving! (2/14) **Q1247**

#### LONELY CANADIAN

40's, GWM looking for a travel partner, 30 to 40 years old to travel to So. California with. You must be adventurous and like Dalmatians. My VW van is cozy and so am I! I'm 5'4", 140 lbs., and real cute (at least I think so). (2/14) **Q1248**

#### HEY "NO JOKE"! LIKE CLASSICAL?!

Me: 19 yr. old, 5'7", 145# femme, but I'm flexible. I adore Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical music, softer alternative. When I smile ... you: similar tastes. Us: Friendship first ... I don't bite, unless you want it. (2/14) **Q1246**

#### BOXERS BOXERS

Searching for the perfect White/Latin/Asian man in boxers. No white briefs, skimpy bikinis or empty thongs — Just the boxers! Must be 20-25, smooth, in shape body. I'm 22, into kickboxing, camping and more. Must have 5-Star personality! (2/14) **Q1244**

## LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

#### AMAZON PRINCESS SEEKS

Gentle giant to share Camelot romance with. I believe in fairytales, moonlight walks, whispered kisses and touching hearts. No drugs/no games only sincere romantics to share time with. (3/14) **Q1325**

#### BOXER SHORTS

I'm slacks and jeans, quiet evenings, occasional party animal. You're lipstick and lace, old fashioned, yet cutting edge. We're two honest and spiritual women looking for possible long-term relationship. No tobacco smokers. HGT/WGT reasonably proportionate. (3/14) **Q1318**

#### SERIOUS SEEKING

Attractive SWF 38 seeks attractive SWF friend, HD DF for friendship, must enjoy beach sports, church, kids OK. (3/14) **Q1320**

#### PASSIONATE & ROMANTIC

Attractive SGW femme, 35, loves music, animals, camping, fireplaces. Seeking positive thinking, child-free butch/soft butch/androgynous SGF for friendship, possible LTR. Are you the one I'd walk in the snow barefoot for? LA/ND (3/14) **Q1322**

#### IN SEARCH OF...

Spontaneous, outgoing, feminine female 21-35 years who enjoys sports, outdoors, clubs, and quiet evenings. If this sounds like you, give me a call! (2/29) **Q1297**

#### DEFINITELY A BUTCH

Slightly androgynous, coastal, clear, disciplined, easy-going, well-read, spiritually minded being, loves the water, seeking an adventurous femme with similar qualities. Like to travel. (2/29) **Q1296**

#### GENTLE WOMAN

Gentle, understanding warm soft butch or feminine woman over 40. Sought by feminine attractive, artistic, loving female over 40. NA/NS. For friendship or possibly more. Love animals. No pretense. (2/29) **Q1295**

#### SEND ME AN ANGEL

Looking for a special lady to spend time with. Friendship first, possibly LTR. Love life, children, animals weekend getaways, quiet evenings and movies. Be simply feminine, Hm oriented, playful, spiritual, creative, sincere. NA/ND (2/29) **Q1294**

#### NEVER A DULL MOMENT!

Attractive, SWF, soft butch is seeking beautiful, feminine lady. I'm very outgoing and just a hell of a lot of fun to be with! I'm tired of the "or girl" world, it's just not my style. Will I find you in the personals? (2/29) **Q1289**

#### RENAISSANCE WOMAN WANTED

Sensual vegetarian femme loves classical music, especially opera, Celtic folk, 70's rock, cats, horses, dancing, gardening, cooking, hiking, handicrafts, literature, art, anthropology, quiet evenings and parties seeks nonsmoking butch to match 45-55 or thereabouts. (2/14) **Q1283**

#### GOING FOR IT

Never thought I'd use an ad but am busy with school and work. Yet, still, would like to meet other lesbians with similar interests, as friends, more? I'm 38, enjoy camping, walks, antiquing, red wine, rainy weather, 60's music. (3/14) **Q1277**

#### NEED TO CUDDLE

Looking for butch woman, 35-45, to share life and love with. I like quiet evenings, country music, movies and nights out. I am a professional woman, pretty, fun and live in the foothills. Give me a call! (3/14) **Q1279**

#### MUSCULAR TOP WANTED

Cute sophisticated mid 30's Chicana sexual hungry, seductive femme, seeking medium figure, sexual aggressive, soft butch to please. May lead to relationship. (2/14) **Q1258**

#### JUST HOW SEXY ARE YOU?

Real stuff! If you are sexy! And like the feeling, call me quick! I enjoy giving it all to you ... exclusively. (2/14) **Q1260**

#### LOVING COMPANION

Woman of depth and intelligence sought by kind, honest, attractive GF to share life's everyday joys and

struggles. Interests include: the arts, world events, intellectual and spiritual pursuits, parenting, gardening, growth. No drama. No pretense. Prefer feminine woman over 30. (2/14) **Q1261**

#### 40+

Want new friends? We want to meet you! New in area. Couple seeking couples who like to dance, camp, etc. — good clean fun. Also like to meet other RV owners. (2/14) **Q1266**

#### BUTCH WOMEN WANTED

To adore me and bask in being adored. I'm 26, new in town. I enjoy hiking, conversation, cities, dancing and life in the fast lane. (2/14) **Q1249**

#### HOLIDAY AFFAIR

Looking for 40+, soft butch woman to meet me under the mistletoe, roast chestnuts by an open fire, and to toast the New Year. (2/14) **Q1245**

## I SAW YOU

#### LONNIE ...

You tapped me on the shoulder and wanted to say "Hi" on Nov. 3rd while I was in Sacramento for the AIDS seminar. We need to stop meeting like this and go for coffee! Barry (2/14) **Q1255**

#### LOOKING FOR ERROL ROSS

Errol moved from South Africa to San Francisco in the early 80's. Recent reports say that he now lives in Sacramento. If anybody knows of his whereabouts please contact me ASAP. Thanks! (2/14) **Q1243**

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#### LONG HAIR & LEATHER

Primordial, pierced, multicultural B/M, 27, seeks honest, stable, employed HIV(-) B/M for LTR. I like skating, fine art, cheesy vamp novels, martial arts, and I relish new, memorable experiences. If you're open minded and live life, then call. (3/14) **Q1275**

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## JUST FRIENDS

#### ATHLETIC BUDDIES

Tall, dark and handsome young 41, GWM, roller-blader, hiker, skydiver, camper seeks similar for friendship and fun. (2/14) **Q1270**

#### TRANSEXUAL WITH LESBIAN ORIENTATION

I am seeking friendship with lesbians, gays, transsexuals and any others with a pagan/wiccan spiritual focus. Let's have fun and fellowship. I like coffee-houses, romantic movies, horror films, world music, walking in the woods. Blessed be! (2/29) **Q1288**

#### OVERTURE

Lesbian WLTm lesbian/gay folk to enjoy the symphony with. (2/29) **Q1292**

## STRAIGHTS SEEKING

#### R-U THERE?

Straight male 35 passionate, clean, discreet looking for attractive transvestite with nice bust age 25-35 to fulfill fantasy, friendship, have fun dancing. Let's talk, no head games. Serious only. (2/14) **Q1254**

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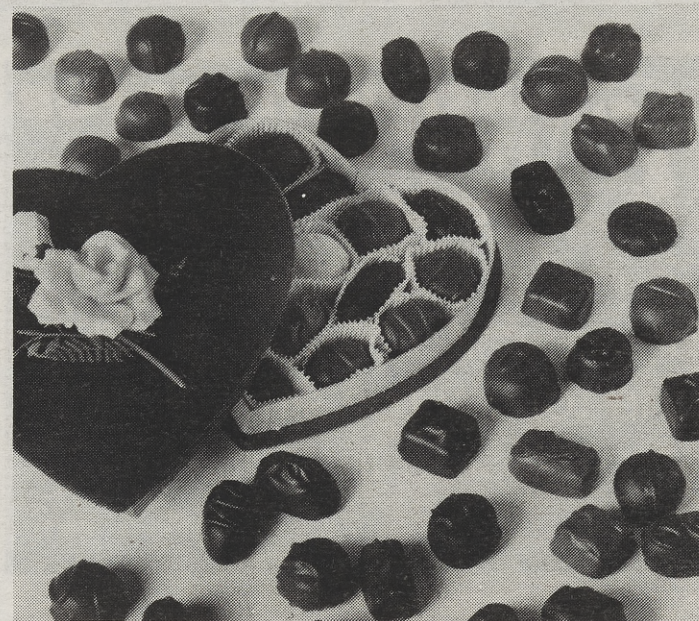
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Cutler and the IGLFA have already succeeded in having the IFA (International Franchise Association) reevaluate the omission of sexual orientation from their Code of Ethics. Several public speaking events are soon to follow, one at the NGLTF Conference, "Out in the Workplace" in San Francisco, April 19-21. Cutler will be conducting a panel discussion regarding "Gays and Lesbians in Franchising." Later this fall there will also be a 12-city national tour conducted by the IGLFA for various gay and lesbian business associations. Info: 602/949-7848. ▼



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